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LIGHT RAIL: The light rail travels north from the airport to the University of Washington, making 15 stops along the way. You can buy a ticket in any station. Buy an ORCA card if you are here for a few days; it also covers your bus fare. For trip planning, go to soundtransit.org.

BUS: Seattle's extensive bus system is great for getting around the city. Go to metro.kingcounty.gov to check the schedule.

CARS AND CABS: Ride-sharing companies are plentiful in Seattle, and you can hail a cab or download the Yellow Cab app to your phone.

FERRY: Washington State ferries take you to the islands in Puget Sound. You can drive your car right onto the boat. Or you can walk or bike on. Go to wsdot.wa.gov/ferries.

SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOODS





THE GREAT WHEEL

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TOURIST ATTRACTIONS EVEN LOCALS APPROVE OF

BY SEAN NELSON

UNDERGROUND TOUR PIONEER SQUARE

I've lived in Seattle for more than 20 years, and not until recently did I learn that Elliott Bay is deeper than the Space Needle is tall. That's because, like a fool, I waited more than two decades to take Bill Spidel's Underground Tour. Don't do as I did. Go and learn about how Seattle's original streets were once literal rivers of human waste, how a benevolent prostitute created the public education system, and how a lazy immigrant started the fire that burned it all down in 1889. This city, like so many others, was founded and framed by thieves and idiots. The tour was created in 1965 by an ambitious publicist who both understood and typified the maxim of the entrepreneurial huckster: If you've got a giant pile of garbage that you can't dispose of, put a sign on it that says "Private Property."

614 First Ave, 206-682-4646, undergroundtour.com

SPACE NEEDLE SEATTLE CENTER

I suggest you take the 43-second, 520-foot elevator ride to the top of the Space Needle, where you can hang out at the observation deck as long as you like. Go at dusk. If you have money to burn, you may want to eat in the *rotating* SkyCity Restaurant. (PRO TIP: If it's raining or foggy, it won't be worth it.)

400 Broad St, 206-905-2100, spaceneedle.com

SMITH TOWER DOWNTOWN

Less flashy and less expensive than the Space Needle, the observation deck on the 35th floor of the Smith Tower is still very much worth it. This was once the tallest structure west of the Mississippi River. Now with a new speakeasy-type bar so you can enjoy a cocktail while taking in the view.

506 Second Ave, 206-622-3131, smithtower.com

THE GREAT WHEEL WATERFRONT

What beloved Seattle institution is round, white, and 175 feet tall? Our newest (2012) and most universally approved attraction, the Great Wheel. More like the London Eye than a rickety county fair Ferris wheel, TGW lends a sense of majesty to the waterfront district, granting you an aerial view of the dense buildings rising above the viaduct, the Olympic Mountains, and a glimpse of the *Twin Peaks*-like mystery of the islands across the water (extra mystery if it's foggy). The price (\$14 adults/\$12 seniors/\$9 kids 3-11) may seem a little steep, but you get three full turns of the wheel, about 15 minutes' worth of new perspective. It's worth it.

Pier 57, 1301 Alaskan Way, 206-623-8607, seattlegreatwheel.com

BALLARD LOCKS BALLARD

The fresh water in Lake Washington and Lake Union is about 20 feet higher than the salt water in Puget

Sound. More boats travel through these locks than any other locks in the United States, and a million people per year gather round to watch it happen. You can spend a few minutes here, or all day. (PRO TIP: Check out the fish ladder viewing area to watch shiny little salmon swimming for their lives.)

3015 NW 54th St, 206-783-7059, ballardlocks.org

FREMONT TROLL FREMONT

Pose for a selfie with the Fremont Troll. (PRO TIP: Better hurry! There are rumors circulating about the Troll's imminent demolition.)

3405 Troll Ave N, fremont.com/about/fremonttroll

PIKE PLACE MARKET DOWNTOWN

There is plenty to see here that doesn't involve people throwing fish—although to be fair, that is totally worth seeing. Fresh flowers, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, fresh doughnuts—the market has it all.

(PRO TIP: At the bottom of the stairs, behind the market proper, there's a great little place called JarrBar.)

First Ave and Pike St,
pikeplacemarket.org

MUSEUM OF POP CULTURE SEATTLE CENTER

Firstly, I kind of like the building. I get that I'm in a minority there, but those forceful curves, majestic proportions, and ludicrous colors are so odd and delightful next to the Space Needle. But the inside is what counts, and the inside is

filled with interesting nerd matters about rock 'n' roll music (the only major art form that routinely denies being an art form), science fiction, games, and such like. In any other city, MoPOP (formerly EMP) would be a cherished weirdo sanctuary. In Seattle, it's a problem because it was started by Paul Allen, one of our three conspicuous local billionaires. Don't be deterred. If you like that sort of thing, you'll like it a lot.

325 Fifth Ave N, 206-770-2700,
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PIKE PLACE MARKET

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UNIQUE TOURS: FOOD, WEED, AND GHOSTS OF GRUNGE

HISTORICAL & CREEPY TOURS

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Started in 1997, these true-crime van tours have been featured on TV shows including the BBC's *The Last 48 Hours of Kurt Cobain*. The company offers 2.5-hour scenic and historical tours of Queen Anne Hill and surrounding areas (which covers the 1995 warehouse arson fire and Seattle's worst mass murder in Chinatown) and Capitol Hill and surrounding areas (which covers Kurt Cobain and Ted Bundy). They also offer ghost tours and a recently added "Booze, Broads & Jazz Tour," where

you'll end at a cocktail bar after visiting the sites of Prohibition-era clubs, brothels, and gambling houses.

Monday-Saturday, \$30/\$35,
privateeyetours.com

SPOOKED IN SEATTLE

"Real ghost hunters" guide these 90-minute tours of what they claim to be the city's most haunted sites, focusing on "actual paranormal investigations." Their offerings include the Pioneer Square Ghost Tour, a "Haunted Pub" tour, a "How to Murder" tour (where you'll see crime scene photos), and actual underground ghost hunts. Your tour ticket also gets you into



VIRETTA PARK

JESSICA STEIN

the Seattle Death Museum, featuring coffins, embalming tools, and vintage mourning jewelry.

Thursday-Saturday, \$17/\$20/\$36,
spookedinseattle.squarespace.com

FOOD & DRINK TOURS

ETHNIC SEATTLE FOOD TOURS

During the spring and summer, Ethnic Seattle offers food tours of Little Saigon and Japantown. On the 2.5-hour tours, you'll learn all about the history and culture of two unique neighborhoods, taste delicious food (including a visit to a tofu factory on the Little Saigon tour), and get to meet special guests in the international food industry.

Select dates through August, \$65,
ethnicseattle.com

SAVOR SEATTLE

Choose from tours of Pike Place Market during regular hours or early in the morning before it opens; a "Chocolate Indulgence" tour (stops include Dahlia Bakery for local mogul Tom Douglas's famous coconut cream pie and Fran's Chocolates, a reported favorite of the Obamas); a "Gourmet Seattle" tour; a seafood-focused progressive dinner; a tour of Capitol Hill's restaurants; or the "Booze 'N Bites" tour, during which you'll get five cocktails. Tours range from two to three hours and include anywhere from 12 to 18 food and/or drink samples.

Daily, \$42-\$96, savorseattletours.com

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seattlebyfoot.com

NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS

CHINATOWN DISCOVERY TOURS

The Wing Luke Museum offers two regular tours of its neighborhood—the busy International District, known for its complicated history and incredible restaurants—both of which include admission to the museum itself. On the three-hour Bruce Lee's Chinatown tour, you'll learn about the famous martial artist who lived and was buried in Seattle, see highlights including his first martial arts studio and first practice space, and eat a meal at a local restaurant featuring some of his favorite dishes. Take the comprehensive 90-minute Touch of Chinatown option and you'll learn about the neighborhood's history, sights, and smells from a local guide. On Friday afternoons, carefully curated neighborhood food tours are also available, with different themes throughout the year: "The Rice Stuff" (through June), "Grilled Things and Chicken Wings" (July) ▶



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Tuesday-Saturday, \$20-\$43,
wingluke.org

SEATTLE ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

Learn about windows, building materials, public parks, urban history, and other parts of Seattle you might not have noticed otherwise. SAF's schedule changes often, but their unique two-hour tour options include several downtown offerings, like "Diamonds & Gold: The Art Deco Skyscraper Northwest Style," "Greatest Hits: Chart Toppers and Heart-Stopppers" (which includes the impressive Central Library), and "Design Details: Lions, Griffins & Walruses, Oh My!" They also offer neighborhood tours of places including Capitol Hill and Queen Anne.

Friday-Saturday, \$18,
seattlearchitecture.org

OTHER UNIQUE TOURS

THE KUSH TOUR: GLASS, GARDEN, EXTRACTION & MORE

Stranger pot writer Tobias Coughlin-Bogue calls this one of the best ways to see behind the scenes of the legal weed industry, as it grants you access to facilities that would otherwise be closed to the public.

On the 3.5-hour tour, you'll start at swanky Diego Pellicer, watch a glassblowing demonstration, learn how cannabis oil is produced, visit a grow operation, and end at more recreational stores.

Monday-Saturday, \$150,
kushtourism.com

SEATTLE OBSCURA SOCIETY

The Seattle Obscura Society (a local chapter of Atlas Obscura, an online magazine devoted to the weird, wondrous, and underappreciated) hosts one-off events around the city that celebrate unique, offbeat locations and experiences. Past events have explored the artwork at a former Naval Air Station and current park, a distillery focused on producing unique liquors, and the cemetery where many of Seattle's pioneers are buried. Check their website for future opportunities to explore unique parts of Seattle.

Various dates, \$25, atlasobscura.com

STALKING SEATTLE

These "rock & roll sightseeing tours" play up the nostalgia for Seattle's early 1990s grunge and rock scene. Stops on the 2.5-hour van tour include the space where Pearl Jam and Soundgarden used to rehearse, the bar where Nirvana played, the home where Kurt Cobain died, and more.

Daily, \$55,
stalkingseattletours.blogspot.com

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SEATTLE'S BEST PARKS AND BEACHES

From Green Lake Park to Golden Gardens—Seattle Has an Embarrassment of Riches of Outdoor Spaces. **BY TRICIA ROMANO**



L TO R: ALKI BEACH TRAIL, THE JAPANESE GARDEN AT THE ARBORETUM, VOLUNTEER PARK CONSERVATORY

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You're here to visit the Space Needle, Pike Place Market, and the Fremont Troll. But one of the things you should really be doing is enjoying the sunshine outside. We have a lot of beautiful parks and beaches that are great for leisurely strolls, picnics, or low-level hikes, all within the city limits.

ALKI BEACH PARK WEST SEATTLE

Alki Beach is one two truly beachy beaches in Seattle—it's a bit smaller than Golden Gardens in Ballard, but comes with a totally SoCal boardwalk. Bikers, skateboarders, rollerbladers, and walkers course up and down the crowded sidewalk along the beach. You can take a break and eat ice cream, burgers, pizza, or drink margaritas by the water and people-watch. The sandy area is small, but there are a few fire pits that you can lay claim to if you want to barbecue, and a beautiful view of downtown Seattle and beyond. Worth the 25-minute trek to West Seattle.
1702 Alki Ave SW, seattle.gov/parks/find/parks/alki-beach-park

DISCOVERY PARK MAGNOLIA

In this wonderful place, which was formerly a military base, you can see houses that were built for naval officers as you walk through Fort Lawton, which gives parts of Discovery Park a *Little House on the Prairie* feel. Located in the neighborhood

of Magnolia, a short car or bus ride from downtown, Discovery Park is the biggest of the city's parks. It has 534 acres, and you can make your hike as challenging as you'd like, with a steep trail through the woods that takes you to the beach below. If you get there, you should walk over to the West Point Lighthouse and sit on the rocky sand. (Cheaters can drive right to the beach and park at the lower level parking lot.) Or you can walk the hilly fields that offer stunning views of Puget Sound. If you squint, it almost looks like you're in Ireland somewhere.

3801 Discovery Park Blvd, seattle.gov/parks/find/parks/discovery-park

GOLDEN GARDENS BALLARD

Golden Gardens is a true beachy beach with the golden sand of its namesake. You'll see boats swirling around on Puget Sound, people playing volleyball and sitting around fire pits. There might be a drum circle or two, for which we apologize in advance. The west-facing location of Golden Gardens makes for stunning views of summer sunsets. If you want to get a spot to barbecue, you should show up early and stake a claim.

8498 Seaview Place NW, seattle.gov/parks/find/parks/golden-gardens-park

GREEN LAKE PARK GREEN LAKE

Designed by John Olmsted in 1903, Green Lake Park is one of the most

visited parks in Seattle. Located about five miles from downtown (take the E-line bus if you are feeling adventurous), Green Lake has a European feel to it. The lake has a generous path that easily accommodates wheels and pedestrians, and it is especially popular on weekends during the summer. There's a place to rent paddle boards, kayaks, and canoes, and ice cream and snacks are available from local businesses. But the main point of this is the leisurely stroll—about 2.8 miles around from beginning to end, which should take about an hour. If you are here visiting, try to go during a weekday when it's less crowded.

7201 E Greenlake Drive N, seattle.gov/parks/find/parks/green-lake-park

MADISON PARK BEACH MADISON PARK

People in Seattle call city parks like Madison Park "beaches," in part because it's a space next to water where the public goes swimming, and because there's a tiny strip of sand. But it's really a park—a green patch of land next to the water. If you want to see where the young, hip locals hang out for a day in the sun, then go to this part of the Madison Valley neighborhood and relax. Afterward, you can grab a bite and a drink at one of the many nearby restaurants.

1900 43rd Ave E, seattle.gov/parks/find/parks/madison-park

VOLUNTEER PARK CAPITOL HILL

Volunteer Park is located on the tonier north side of Capitol Hill. The grounds are lush, and on the west-facing side, there's a famous sculpture, *Black Sun* by Isamu Noguchi (yes, the Soundgarden song is named after it), and, during sunset, the sun will line right up in the center of it. One of the lawns has a stage used for outdoor concerts and theatrical productions, and there's a small, sweet conservatory, where for \$4, you can see a range of plants and flowers. A perfect place to picnic.

1247 15th Ave E, seattle.gov/parks/find/parks/volunteer-park

WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM MONTLAKE

Run by the University of Washington, the Arboretum is a beautiful 230-acre park right in the center of the city. Walk down the great open trail, Azalea Way, all the way to the end at Duck Bay. If you curve to your left, it'll take you to another trail with floating walkways and a marshy swampy area, with lily pads covering the water. Or traverse the higher hills and get a completely different, deeper woods experience. The park is free, but if you decide to visit the Japanese Garden (and you should), it costs \$6. During the summer months, it's open till 7 p.m.

2300 Arboretum Drive E, botanicgardens.uw.edu/washington-park-arboretum



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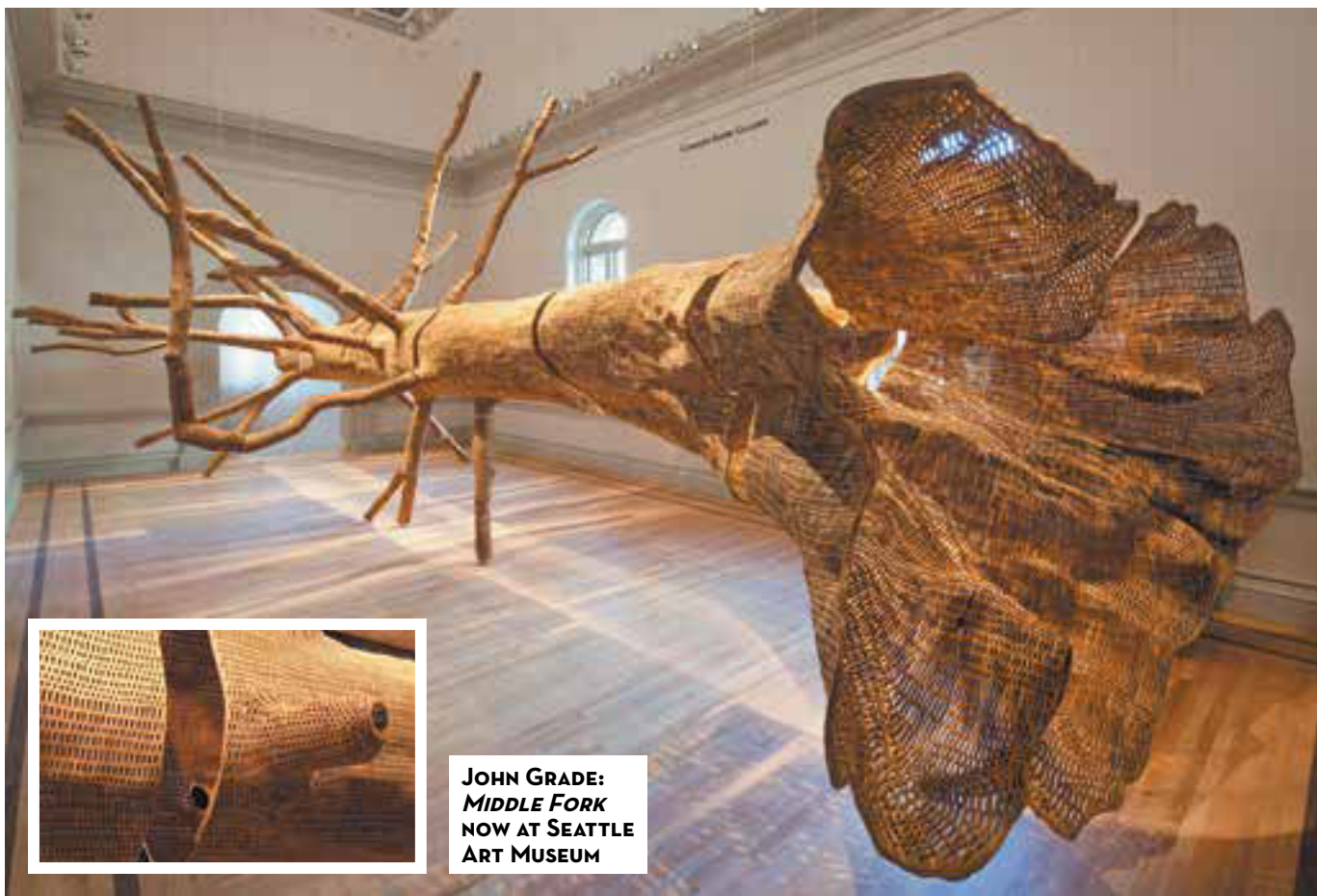
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THE BEST PLACES TO SEE ART

From Galleries to Museums, The City's Art Scene is Growing **BY EMILY POTHAST**

Seattle has a reputation for a lot of things—a growing tech scene, an abiding obsession with coffee, and of course a love of the outdoors that can weather even the rainiest of winters. But Seattle is also teeming with visual art, if you know where to look. From major institutions like Seattle Art Museum to pop-up galleries inside studio apartments, there's always something new to see—and somewhere new to see it. Here are a handful of the best places to see visual art right now so you can start exploring like a local.

FRYE ART MUSEUM FIRST HILL

Founded in 1952 to house the painting collection of longtime Seattle residents Charles and Emma Frye, the Frye Art Museum has evolved into one of the city's most innovative venues, featuring exhibitions of cutting-edge contemporary

art alongside historical surveys of early graphic design, obscure 19th-century symbolists, and other smart, unexpected shows you won't see anywhere else. The Frye also consistently champions the work of outstanding local artists—many Stranger Genius Award winners have exhibited at the museum. It's Seattle's only private museum of its kind, and it's always free, making it a great place to take families and out-of-town visitors who want a taste of local culture.

PRO TIP: Although the Frye's events tend to be free, they also run out of tickets quickly. Sign up for their mailing list to find out about upcoming events you don't want to miss.

704 Terry Ave, 206-622-9250, fryemuseum.org

SEATTLE ART MUSEUM DOWNTOWN

No list of local art venues would be complete without a mention of the

region's largest institution devoted to art in all its forms. Compared with older, wealthier museums, Seattle Art Museum might not have the most famous works from art history textbooks, but it has work by a whole lot of artists whose names you're likely to recognize, and many more you'll be excited to learn. It also has whole rooms devoted to First Nations art, African art, the ancient Mediterranean, and a handful of contemporary aboriginal Australian paintings that are a must-see. A compelling program of temporary exhibitions and ongoing roster of community events—many of them kid-friendly—gives you reasons to keep coming back long after you've exhausted the permanent collection. (SAM's sister museum, the Seattle Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park, is closed for renovation through September 2019.)

PRO TIP: SAM's lobby, which currently houses a large-scale

sculpture by Northwest luminary John Grade, is free and open to the public—and has free wi-fi. Perfect for the visitor on the go!

1300 First Ave, 206-654-3100, seattleartmuseum.org

OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK BELLTOWN

It's hard to keep Seattleites inside on a sunny day, so fortunately there are places to see art outdoors. Before this nine-acre waterfront sculpture park was downtown Seattle's largest green space, it spent several decades as an industrial fuel-storage facility. Now fully rehabilitated into an ecosystem of native plants and sustainable design, Seattle Art Museum's Olympic Sculpture Park is currently home to more than 20 pieces of monumental sculpture, bike paths, and also has an amphitheater for outdoor events. Iconic works include *Eagle*, the bright-red Alexander Calder sculpture visible ▶



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◀ in many photographs of Seattle's skyline, and Richard Serra's *Wake*, a towering array of curved steel forms created using a machine that once produced nuclear submarines. It's the perfect place for a family picnic, a first date, or even a wedding reception.

PRO TIP: Familiarize yourself with the layout online before heading in—there's lots to see, and much of it's tucked away, like Beverly Pepper's quietly magnificent *Persephone Unbound*, which is so subtle, it could almost be mistaken for part of the architecture.
2901 Western Ave, 206-654-3100, seattleartmuseum.org

NORTHWEST AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CENTRAL DISTRICT

Seattle's Central District is ground zero for gentrification. In the 20th century, the CD became home to much of the city's African American population as a result of a racist housing policy known as redlining. Surging rents and sky-high property values are

quickly changing the face of the neighborhood, but the Northwest African American Museum is an institution steadfastly devoted to preserving the region's rich Black artistic heritage in the heart of the Central District. Housed in a gorgeous former elementary school and surrounded by public parks, NAAM is the Northwest's premier destination to see works by artists like Jacob Lawrence, James Washington Jr., Barbara Earl Thomas, and C. Davida Ingram.

PRO TIP: Make a day of it by dining at one of the neighborhood's many Ethiopian or Somali cafes after your visit.

2300 S Massachusetts St, 206-518-6000, naamnw.org

HENRY ART GALLERY UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

Situated on the University of Washington campus, the Henry is Seattle's designated contemporary art museum, with a mission to function as a laboratory for creative thinking and new ideas. The building itself is a piece of art history: ▶



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PRO TIP: The Henry's Test Site—a small gallery near the front door—is home to bite-size experimental exhibitions that are always provocative—and free!

15th Ave NE and NE 41st St, 206-543-2280, henryart.org

WING LUKE MUSEUM CHINATOWN-INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

The Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience is more than an art museum, although you can often find art here. It's a living history museum filled with artifacts and objects that tell stories of Asian Pacific American experiences in Seattle, from the Chinese immigrants who began arriving in the 1850s to the diverse communities that thrive here today. The Wing is located in the heart of Seattle's International District, with historic neighborhood tours happening almost every day.

PRO TIP: The best Asian food in Seattle can be found in this neighborhood. Come hungry, leave inspired.

719 S King St, 206-623-5124, wingluke.org

SOIL PIONEER SQUARE

Pioneer Square is home to far too many galleries to list here, but SOIL—located in the Tashiro-Kaplan Building along with CoCA, Method, and Gallery 4Culture—is a great place to start your exploration of the neighborhood. Since 1995, it has functioned as an artist-run cooperative gallery, showcasing fresh, often experimental work by emerging artists.

PRO TIP: Visit Pioneer Square on First Thursdays for the city's largest art walk—which also happens to be the longest-running art walk in the United States!

112 Third Ave S, 206-264-8061
soilart.org

THE HAMILTON BUILDING GEORGETOWN

Between Via Tribunali and Hitchcock Deli on 12th Avenue South in Georgetown lies a staircase. If it weren't for the signs on the sidewalk, it would be easy to miss the fact that three of the city's most innovative contemporary art spaces are located on the second floor. Interstitial is a new-media gallery that houses interactive video installations, virtual-reality experiences, and other forms of adventurous multimedia art, while Bridge Productions is a commercial gallery that represents a roster of artists and aims to make art accessible and affordable for new collectors. Finally, the Alice is an artist-run space whose exhibitions tend toward the experimental, often tackling economic or social-justice issues with a refreshing dose of down-to-earth humor. Together, these three spaces help make downtown Georgetown one of Seattle's most essential destinations for contemporary art.

PRO TIP: Plan a visit on Second Saturdays, when the entire neighborhood comes alive for Georgetown Art Attack.

6007 12th Ave S; the Alice, thealice-gallery.com; Bridge Productions, bridge.productions; Interstitial, interstitialtheatre.com

VERMILLION CAPITOL HILL

A combination bar and art gallery, Vermillion is a one-of-a-kind spot in the heart of Capitol Hill. Exhibitions vary widely but tend toward the populist—big cartoonish paintings, realistic landscapes, and art about how expensive Seattle is getting. It's also a great place to catch a poetry reading, a low-key music performance, or a lively public discussion. Vermillion is a no-frills gathering place for creative people of all kinds seeking a respite from Capitol Hill's gauntlet of high-gloss, high-cost bars and restaurants. Owner Diana Adams has done more than create a venue for lesser-known artists—she's cultivating accessible community.

PRO TIP: Visit during the Capitol Hill Art Walk on the Second Thursday of every month for opening receptions and parties all over the neighborhood.

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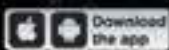
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753-4940, chihulygardenandglass.com

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ELLIOTT BAY BOOK COMPANY CAPITOL HILL

Elliott Bay Book Company is Seattle's version of biblio-metropolises such as New York City's the Strand and Portland's Powell's. But instead of walking around a cold, cosmopolitan store, you get to walk around a warm, spacious, creaky tree house. The cafe is in the back and has plenty of outlets, plus good cake. Four comfy chairs sit in the center of the store, right next to the well-curated poetry section and the well-populated fiction section. The children's area is tops. The basement hosts daily readings from big-time and medium-time and small-time authors. It's part marketplace, part cathedral, part kitchen, all home. Other beloved bookstores that host daily readings: **UNIVERSITY BOOK STORE, THIRD PLACE BOOKS, SEATTLE MYSTERY BOOKSHOP.**
1521 10th Ave, 206-624-6600, elliottbaybook.com

HUGO HOUSE FIRST HILL

To borrow a phrase from Dana Ward, Hugo House is one of the

many-gendered mothers of Seattle's books scene. It's a literary center that hosts innovative readings with touring and local authors, one-day classes, six-week classes. As of this writing, the House is occupying an interim space on First Hill until it returns to Capitol Hill in 2018, in much swankier digs.

1021 Columbia St, 206-322-7030, hugohouse.org

OPEN BOOKS WALLINGFORD

That a poetry-only bookstore exists in the first place is a testament to the strength of the literary communities we have in Seattle. You can find almost everything in this little shop, from first-edition stuff to zines and chapbooks and magazines.

2414 N 45th St, 206-633-0811, openpoetrybooks.com

SILENT READING PARTY FIRST HILL

Invented by one of the editors at *The Stranger*, the reading party takes place every first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. That's when the Fireside Room at the Sorrento Hotel goes quiet and fills with people. By 6:15 p.m., you often can't get a seat. Everyone brings whatever they feel like reading and sits there and reads, silently, to themselves, while waiters bring them things and Paul Matthew Moore plays piano softly

and exquisitely. He's amazing. The music goes until 8 p.m. This party is all ages and it's free.

Sorrento Hotel, 900 Madison St, strangerthingstodo.com

SUZZALLO LIBRARY UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

You have to be a University of Washington student to check out books, but no one will stop you from walking through UW's historic Red Square, climbing the stairs to the library's giant doors, walking up the Grand Staircase, and entering the glory of the Reading Room. Light filtered through 35-foot-tall stained-glass windows dapples good oak tables and book-lined walls. Iron chandeliers hang from timber-vaulted ceilings. If there was a god, it would read here.

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University of Washington campus, 206-543-0242, lib.washington.edu/suzzallo

Note: Seattle is one of the most literary cities in the country, with free readings and talks every night of the year. To see who's reading tonight, go to the stranger.com/events/readings.

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BA BAR CENTRAL DISTRICT

Ba Bar fuses two of Seattle's strongest culinary forces—pho, the Vietnamese rice noodle soup that is the lifeblood of the city, and an obsession with local ingredients—into an affordable menu of Vietnamese street food made with responsibly raised meats. Rich, aromatic bowls of broth are filled with oxtail, brisket, and eye-of-round from Painted Hills ranches; the succulent, rotisserie-roasted pork belly that sits atop fresh banh hoi noodles comes from Oregon's Carlton Farms. The cocktails are good, and the food is served until late—11 p.m. on weeknights, 4 a.m. on weekends.

If you're not looking for a full sit-down meal but still want to try some Vietnamese food, head to **SAIGON DELI (1237 S JACKSON ST)** in the International District for banh mi, rice paper rolls, grilled beef in betel leaves, fried spring rolls, and other grab-and-go snacks.
550 12th Ave, 328-2030, babarseattle.com

CORSON BUILDING GEORGETOWN

If you're willing to spend more money, chef and restaurateur Matt Dillon has rightfully earned a reputation for crafting food that both defines and is defined by the bounty of the Pacific Northwest. It's easy enough (and certainly worth your while) to eat at Dillon's restaurants Sitka & Spruce, Upper Bar Ferdinand, and the London Plane, but if you have the time to seek out the Corson Building, a house and garden with limited hours hidden underneath a highway overpass in the industrial neighborhood of Georgetown, the rewards will be significant. On Thursday and Friday nights, choose dishes from chef Emily Crawford's handwritten menus filled with summer dishes such as braised pork with zucchini, plums, and radicchio, and marinated squid with melon, cucumbers, and shishito peppers. On Saturday and Sunday, dinners are prix fixe feasts

drawn from the same seasonal inspirations.

5609 Corson Ave S, 762-3330, thecorsonbuilding.com

FONDA LA CATRINA GEORGETOWN

Seattleites, like everyone else in America, eat plenty of quick meals of burritos and tacos. But when they want to sit down to flavorful, home-style Mexican food, they head to Georgetown's Fonda La Catrina for handmade tortillas, long-simmered pozole, fiery camarones sautéed in a crimson chile de árbol sauce, grass-fed hanger steak tacos, and slow-roasted cochinita pibil. (Tasty margaritas and cocktails are also a draw.) The love extends beyond the food into the welcoming space and service, including a back patio, which can accommodate large groups and all ages with grace and ease. If there's a wait (and there usually is), those over 21 can pass the time next door at Catrina's sibling

bar, **EL SIRENITO**, with drinks, an extensive selection of tequilas and mezcal, and snacks such as ceviche and fish tacos.

5905 Airport Way S, 767-2787, fondalacatrina.com

IL CORVO PIONEER SQUARE

You know you've found Pioneer Square's Il Corvo when you see a line of people snaking out of its unassuming storefront and up James Street. Chef and owner Mike Easton wanted to be able to spend time with his family, so he serves only one meal a day—lunch—and only Monday to Friday. Turns out you can make a living in the restaurant industry without sacrificing too much—but only if your food makes no sacrifices when it comes to artistry and flavor. With the exception of the ever-present rigatoni Bolognese, Easton's brief menu of three handmade pastas, as well as a few antipasti, changes daily. Spring brings sauces such as wild ▶



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217 James St, 538-0999, ilcorpovapasta.com

L'OURSIN CENTRAL DISTRICT

L'Oursin, a relative newcomer, feels like the restaurant Seattle has been waiting for its whole life: very much of this place (think local seafood, and lots of it), steeped in the technique of classic French cooking, but also inventive and forward-thinking. The menu is refined, more than a little fancy, but never pretentious: black cod with oxtail ragout, grilled spot prawns with anchovy butter, poached artichoke with sea urchin sauce, raw scallops and radishes with cured egg yolk that's shaved as fine as a dusting of pure snow. The food is beautiful, and the drinks are, too—aromatic, unexpected cocktails and a wine list devoted entirely to natural wines. The wine descriptions alone are worth the trip, as evidenced by this characterization

of a sauvignon blanc: "A natural beauty who doesn't know she's being raised by a pet rock and a can of pears. Almost lost forever in a New Jersey warehouse."

1315 E Jefferson St, 485-7173, loursinseattle.com

MANEKI INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

Seattle's oldest Japanese restaurant is also its best. Maneki opened in 1904 and, under the loving direction of longtime owner Jean Nakayama, is still doing steady business today. Maneki serves beautiful, fresh, and reasonably priced sushi—don't miss the wild salmon and aji horse mackerel—as well as hot izakaya dishes including broiled, miso-marinated black cod collar, chicken karaage, and handmade gyoza. In the 100-plus years that the restaurant has been in existence, it's only had one major interruption to business—when it shut down because the US government sent Japanese Americans to internment camps during World War II.

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304 Sixth Ave S, 622-2631, manekirestaurant.com

MESKEL
CENTRAL DISTRICT

East Africans are one of the fastest-growing immigrant populations in Seattle, which means that the city is awash in a number of excellent Ethiopian and Eritrean restaurants. In their dining rooms, the lingering scent of incense commingles with the intoxicating aroma of the dozen or so spices—chilies, paprika, cinnamon, ginger, cardamom, clove, and more—that make up berbere, the complex seasoning that is the backbone of the cuisines. Meskel, located in a house on the corner of Cherry Street and 26th Avenue in the Central District, is one of the city's most consistent sources of excellent, deeply flavorful stews made with berbere, lentils, chicken, and lamb. It's all served family-style over spongy, tangy injera bread, which you feast on with your bare hands.

2605 E Cherry St, 860-1724, meskelrestaurant.com

PALACE KITCHEN
DOWNTOWN

Tom Douglas is Seattle's most well-known chef. He's also the city's most prolific restaurateur, the owner of more than a dozen restaurants ranging from seafood to wood-fired pizza to Italian to pan-Asian. But his best restaurant is downtown's Palace Kitchen, open since 1996, where much of the cooking is done over a wood-fired grill, and much of the produce comes from Douglas's own farm in Eastern Washington. The food is unfussy and familiar, executed at a high level, and guaranteed to please both out-of-town visitors and jaded locals. The Palace Burger is possibly the city's original gourmet burger, and still one of

its greatest. The full dinner menu is served until 1 a.m. Hold out for a booth; you can always wait and have a few drinks at the bar.

2030 Fifth Ave, 448-2001, palacekitchen.com

PELTON
CENTRAL DISTRICT

Seattle is known as a coffee town—and for good reason. Every day, we spend hours within the coffee-scented walls of its many neighborhood cafes, having meetings, reading books, and answering e-mails. Cafes are where Seattleites go for caffeine, community, and, increasingly, great food. No other cafe embodies the ethos behind the city's food as well as its uninhibited, creative energy more than Peloton, where chef McKenzie Hart puts together hearty and vibrant salads and sandwiches with seasonal and local ingredients. Peloton is equal parts cafe and bicycle shop—you can enjoy your avocado toast while soaking in a bit of the city's thriving bike culture as well.

1220 E Jefferson St, 569-4265, pelotonseattle.com

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There's a reason Pike Place Market is always filled with tourists: It's magic. Wander through cobblestones and tiled hallways, amid beautiful produce, artisan cheeses, pickles, and breads, and—most striking—abundant, fresh seafood. Eat Dungeness crab and steamer clams at **JACK'S FISH SPOT**; chowder, blackened salmon and halibut sandwiches at the **MARKET GRILL**; and shucked-to-order oysters ordered off the brown paper bag menus at **EMMETT WATSON'S OYSTER BAR**.

And no Seattle place is more magical than the lounge at the **ATHENIAN INN** during happy hour, which runs from 4 to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Four dollars gets you a frosty mug of draft beer—so cold, a crust of icy crystals forms on top of the glass. Squeeze into one of the bar's tiny wooden booths, order the fried calamari, and then stare at the Olympic Mountains, Puget Sound, and the ferries shuttling back and forth across the water. This is Seattle; there's nothing better.

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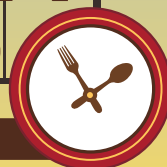
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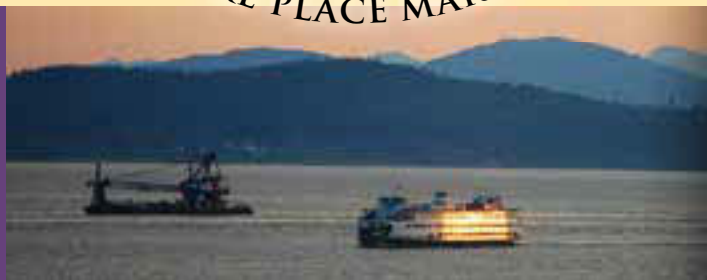
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BY RACHEL KESSLER



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DOWNTOWN

For a taste of old Seattle, visit **BEDLAM** (2231 SECOND AVE). This place harks back to the Belltown neighborhood's pre-boom era, when World Pizza had punk shows and before the Speakeasy Cafe burned down. This is the real deal—no foam hearts or a bunch of fluffing about sources. Just really good espresso—rich and complex. Comfy couches, plenty of tables, and an old upright piano give this place a living-room feel. Not a hipster in sight. They make toast and pie. It's on the north end of downtown. If you're on the south end of downtown, go to **ZEITGEIST** (171 S JACKSON ST), a big, open, industrial-chic space with exposed brick right around the corner from King Street Station, where Amtrak trains arrive and depart.

CAPITOL HILL

Anyone who's really into coffee should order the Cafe Nico (a macchiato made with half-and-half, orange twist, and cinnamon) at **VIVACE's** sidewalk bar (321 BROADWAY E), where latte art was invented. Want to eat a crepe in a beautiful old stone building at a teeny table under trees like you're in France? **JOE BAR** (810 E ROY ST), a few blocks north on Broadway, is a jewel: resplendent people-watching, brilliant local art, and screenplay-inspiring eavesdropping. Father east, up the hill, **VICTROLA CAFE ON 15TH** (411 15TH AVE E) is a favorite for locals: ample seating and tables, a row of chairs outside for morning sun worship, and kind baristas who enthusiastically discuss the coffee they roast at their Pine Street location. Also: Mystic Kombucha and ginger beer on tap. Just a few steps away from Victrola is **ADA'S TECHNICAL BOOKS AND CAFE** (425 15TH AVE E), which is Seattle's *Cheers* for proudly self-identifying geeks. Settle in among the carefully curated selection of books and games to snack on house-made

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CENTRAL DISTRICT

A neighborhood favorite that serves great espresso (three to four selected coffee roasters) pulled without pretense, **TOUGO COFFEE** (1410 18TH AVE) encourages lingering at shared tables, with plenty of power outlets and strong wi-fi. If you have toddlers in tow, there is a sunken disco/toy room where kids cavort under the mirror ball. But it's in the back, like a bar for children, so they can't bother the rest of us with their partying. Truly family friendly but chill, not awash in boogers and screaming.

If you find yourself in Mount Baker, stop by **QED COFFEE** (1418 31ST AVE S) and get high off their 14-hour cold brew or house-made spicy chai. If all this coffee fetishization makes you want to just watch some serious chess, check out **STARBUCKS** on 23rd and Jackson (2300 S JACKSON ST). This is the most happening Starbucks, maybe in the world: There are hilarious and friendly baristas who are always swamped, swarms of middle schoolers, people arguing about politics in many languages, and parking-lot shenanigans. You can hang out for hours, and they won't even notice if you don't buy anything.

BEACON HILL

THE STATION (2602 16TH AVE S) is the soul of Beacon Hill. Everyone knows each other, and if they don't, they will soon. Good and strong Fulcrum coffee is served with that rare magical unicorn: cheap refills! Cozy and dog friendly, the new location offers an expended food menu, as well as the Station's classic drinks like the D'Angelo (brown sugar latte), Coco Chanel (chai and coconut), and Bowl of Soul (Earl Grey, honey, vanilla, steamed milk), all at lower prices than most cafes. The old much smaller space at 2533 16th Ave S will open soon as a wine bar "loud with conversation and

music" as affable owner Luis Rodriguez puts it. "I'm going to get political," he says. Rodriguez and his spouse, Leona, put on a real block party every summer, support the local hip-hop scene, and host poetry readings.

COLUMBIA CITY

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U-DISTRICT/ ROOSEVELT/ WALLINGFORD

In the University District, wander down the alley behind Magus Books for some caffeine and theory at **CAFE ALLEGRO** (4214 UNIVERSITY WAY NE), Seattle's oldest coffee shop. Tables and philosophy majors abound. Over on Roosevelt Way, and 15 blocks north, funky **CAFE RACER** (5828 ROOSEVELT WAY NE) is open late with live music some nights and monthly *Dune* comic-drawing jam sessions. If you find yourself stuck in Wallingford, you could do worse than **ZOKA** (2200 N 56TH ST): This Seattle chain is always crowded, but regulars know the drill. Super friendly baristas and patrons will even help get you settled in the dimly lit laptop scene. No one will bat an eye if you order a micro-foamed lavender mocha or a two buck cup of decent drip.

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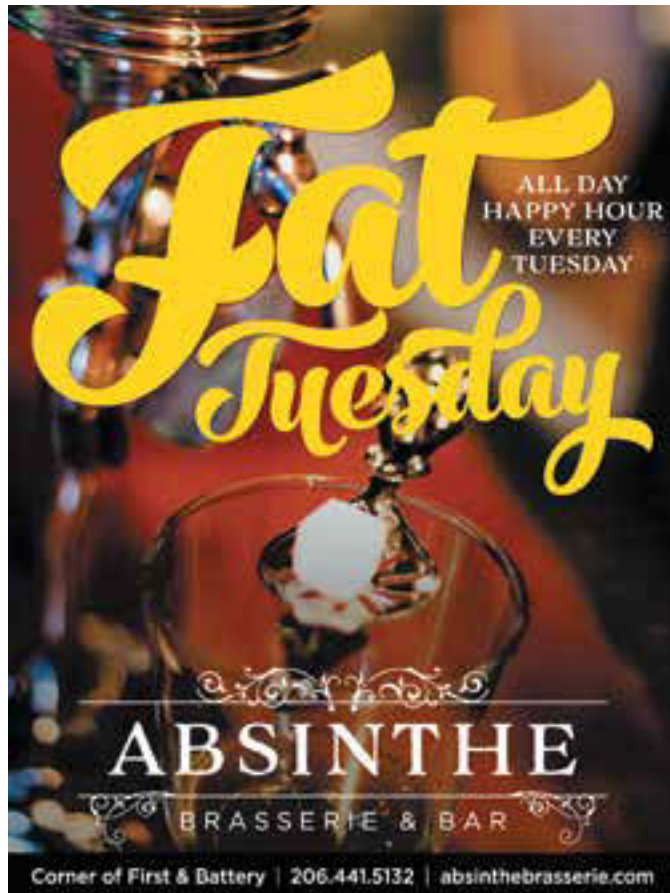
Fremont boasts it is the center of the universe. This is very apparent in joints like **MILSTEAD & CO.** (900 N 34TH ST), where pilgrims come to double down on coffee wankery, near the famous Fremont Troll. If you're in Ballard and need to rent a table workstation for the price of a cup of coffee, **CUPCAKE ROYALE AND VERITE COFFEE** (2052 NW MARKET ST) is there for you. If you want amazing small-batch French pastry that people stand in line for—the line goes out the door—go to **CAFE BESALU** (5909 24TH AVE NW). If you want to skip the line, head on over to **HONORÉ ARTISAN BAKERY** (1413 NW 70TH ST) for the kouign amann (a salty sweet crispy croissant situation), cannelé (custard baked into a cake with a caramelized crust), and macarons.



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First Time Pot Buyer's Guide

Don't Be Intimidated: Buying Pot Is Safe, Easy, and Totally Legal

BY LESTER BLACK

Hey there, intrepid traveler! Welcome to one of the best places to smoke pot in the world. Not only is our weed amazing, it's also legal—and there's no shortage of beautiful mountains, amazing food, interesting art, and quality music to combine your pot experience with. So let me help you find the right pot for your next trip to Pike Place Market or a night out on Capitol Hill.

Walking into a legal weed shop for the first time can be an intimidating experience for a lot of people. After decades of pot being criminalized, it's natural for people to be a bit nervous when

they belly up to the bud counter. Even for me, a pot writer who has visited legal pot shops hundreds of times in multiple states, it still feels surreal every time I buy weed. I have to pinch myself and ask, "Is this really legal?!"

Yes, it is legal! Under Washington State law, anyone 21 and older can legally purchase weed from a licensed store. Pot is still, however, completely illegal in the federal government's eyes, so a DEA agent or federal marshal can still arrest anyone purchasing or consuming cannabis. While there are a lot of questions about how the Trump administration

will enforce federal pot laws, it is extremely unlikely that the hammer will come down on individual users like you and me.

So let's go pot shopping! Just like when you go to a bar, you should have your ID ready before walking into a pot store. This is just to verify that you are of legal age; it is not used to track your purchases or anything like that. After you prove that you are at least 21, you'll be introduced to your budtender and your personalized weed-shopping experience begins. This is where things can get confusing. In our state, weed is not a singular thing—there ▶

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◀ are dozens of different types of products infused with weed and thousands of different varieties of pot plants. A good budtender will kindly walk you through the specifics of different products and different brands, but here's a little guide to what you can find.

What to Get: Flower, Edibles, or Concentrates?

Let's start with the simplest product—flower. This is the green nugget of awesomeness that you can grind up, put into a glass pipe, smoke, and voilà—you're stoned!

of evidence that every modern pot plant is a hybrid of indica and sativa, and predicting what kind of specific high you will get is a questionable exercise.

Cannabis flowers are filled with a group of chemicals called cannabinoids that make humans high. The cannabis plant naturally produces these chemicals, as do our own bodies, although the specifics of how and why these chemicals make us high is a matter of debate among scientists. The most powerful of these cannabinoids is tetrahydrocannabinol, usually shortened to THC. While THC is not the only



JESSICA STEIN

We call these sticky little nuggets “flower” because they are literally the flowers of the cannabis plant. This is why you’ll often hear Seattleites say cannabis instead of marijuana—cannabis is the scientific name for the plant, while the word *marijuana* has an ugly history of being coopted from Latin American Spanish by the American government as a way of racially stigmatizing and criminalizing pot.

There are two subspecies of the cannabis plant: indica and sativa. The types of high produced by each subspecies is considered by some people to be different, so most pot shops divide their flower selections into three categories—indica, sativa, or a hybrid of the two. Indica is said to be more of a relaxing body high, and sativa is thought of as a more energetic mental high. Don't think of these as hard rules, though—there's lots

cannabinoid that gets you high, it is the strongest, so we can use THC as a good barometer of how strong a cannabis product is. The legal weed you'll find in Washington is considerably stronger than the reefer of the 1960s and '70s. Back then, a cannabis flower was rarely more than 10 percent THC by weight. Walk into one of Seattle's pot shops today, and you'll find hundreds of strains with more than 20 percent THC, with some even testing over the 30 percent mark.

But don't just shop for the highest THC possible—some of my favorite strains test around 15 percent THC.

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You can also avoid smoking and opt for one of the many products infused with weed. Whether you're eating weed chocolates or bud-laced peanuts, drinking pop or coffee with pot in it, the label will indicate how many milligrams of THC are in each serving. This is a crucial piece of information. Unlike smoking weed—which will affect you almost immediately—it takes about 30 minutes to an hour before you get high from eating weed. That means an impatient edible consumer can get way too high by eating too much before seeing the effects. It's impossible to overdose on THC, but that doesn't mean you can't hurt yourself by getting too high and then freaking out.

I recommend starting with 5 or 10 milligrams of THC, and then waiting a full hour to see how it affects you. You can always eat more weed if you're not feeling high enough, but there's nothing but time to reverse the feeling of being way too high.

Speaking of being way too high, there's a third class of products at our bud stores called concentrates. They go by dozens of different annoyingly similar names, but they are all essentially types of hash—a substance full of pot's active chemicals without much plant matter. These concentrates can test at more than 90 percent THC and can be spread on top of a bowl of flower, rolled into a joint, or vaporized in a special type of water pipe called a dab rig.

At their worst, concentrates are the moonshine of the cannabis plant—an extremely potent drug that tastes like shit and will leave you in a no-fun stoned stupor. But at their best, concentrates are the essence of top-shelf weed with the best pot flavors and a powerfully uplifting high. Top-shelf concentrates are arguably the most interesting part of legal weed, and my money is on them only increasing their share of the pot market. If you really love pot, I would recommend finding a way to dab a top-shelf concentrate—it's an amazing experience.

If you are still unsure about what you want to buy, feel free to ask your budtender any and all questions you have about the products they are selling. We've left the days of pot prohibition behind—when you would need to set up awkward interactions with a drug dealer and feel pressured into buying something. So if for some reason you don't feel like buying the products a pot shop is selling, simply say “thank you” and leave empty-handed.

Where to Imbibe

Now that you have your bud, it's time to smoke—but here's where it can get a little bit inconvenient for visitors. You can smoke weed only on private property in Washington, so you can't legally light up while you're walking down the street. If you're staying in a hotel's designated smoking room, you can legally smoke weed if the hotel permits it. Inquire with your accommodation before you light up, though; some hotels have strangely draconian policies regarding smoking weed. State law also forbids any Amsterdam-style weed cafes, which is a real bummer.

That being said, you can still reasonably get away with discreetly smoking weed in public in Seattle. A cop isn't likely to waste their time with you if you're being unobtrusive and smoking away from any big crowds. And if a cop does decide to investigate a stinky smell, they are directed by city law to avoid writing a ticket if possible. They'll likely just ask you to put it out and move on. If you do get a ticket, you don't have to worry about going to jail. Seattle law treats smoking weed in public the same as drinking alcohol in public: a \$27 ticket.

Don't Do This

Driving while stoned is not treated as lightly as public consumption. If a cop thinks you are stoned while driving, they can arrest you and give you a blood test. If you test over the absurdly small level of 5 nanograms of THC per milliliter of blood, you will be convicted of a DUI—no fun. ■

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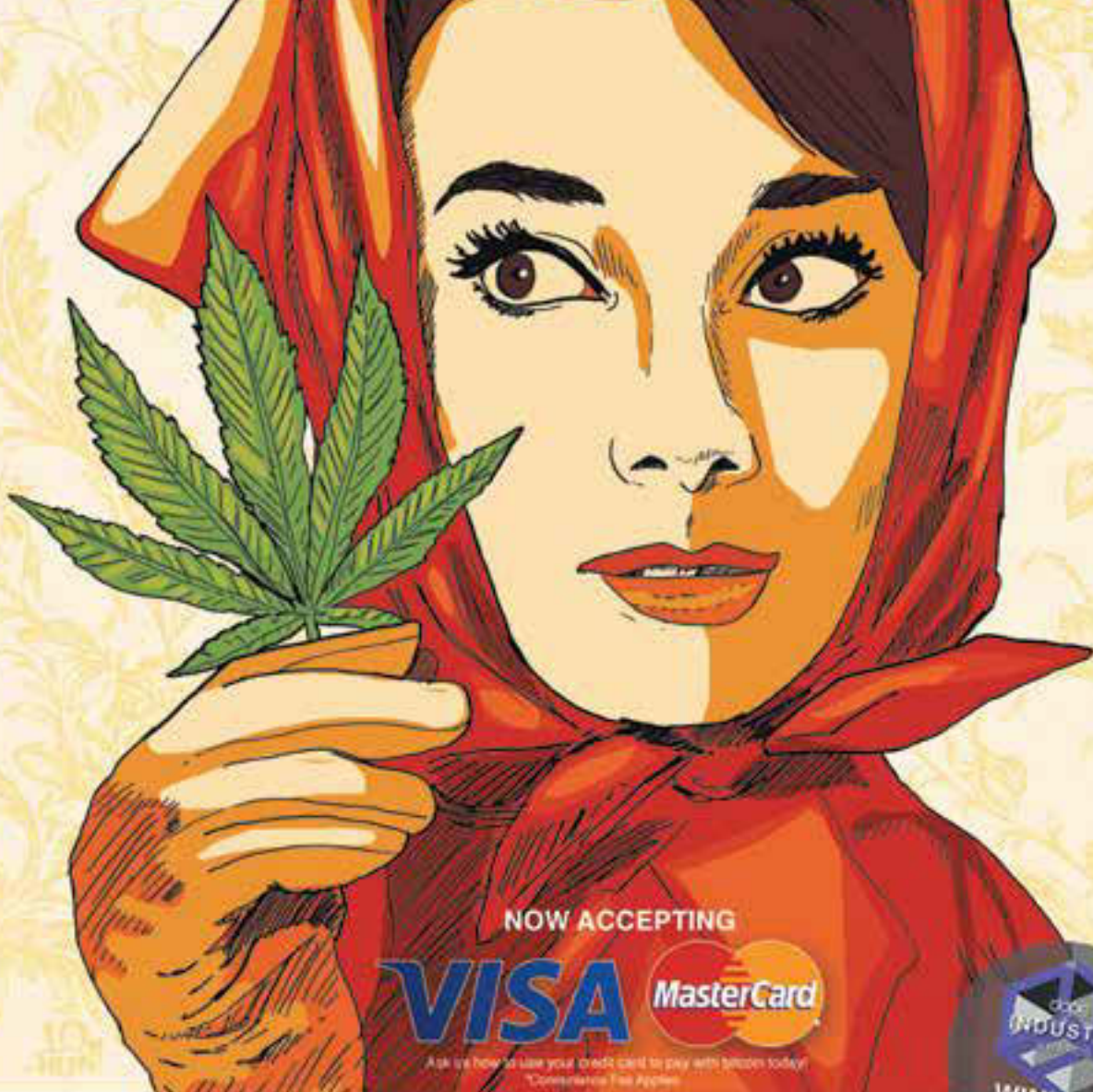
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CHOP SUEY CAPITOL HILL

Following an ownership change-over, Chop Suey has gone from oddly-Asian-themed bar and secret live-music powerhouse underdog to still confusingly decorated music venue that now has a side bar and second stage in its "Den." It also has pinball machines, a mostly functioning (as opposed to previously never functioning) photo booth, and a kitchen window from which to buy chicken and other fried delights. What remains the same is its eclectic array of fairly priced live music, from hip-hop to metal to singer-songwriter types, almost every night of the week.

1325 E Madison St, 206-538-0556, chopsuey.com

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4916 Rainier Ave S, 206-722-3009, columbiacitytheater.com

CROCODILE BELLTOWN

One of Seattle's favorite music venues since the beginning of time (or at least grunge) got a swanky makeover back in 2009, with skylights, a proper mezzanine, dark red walls, and marble countertops in the bathrooms. Their impressive résumé of former gigs includes Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Macklemore, and Alabama Shakes, and their calendar runs the gamut from hip-hop to metal and folk. Also: wood-fired pizza in the Back Bar, seven nights a week.

2200 Second Ave, 206-441-4618, thecrocodile.com

EL CORAZÓN AND THE FUNHOUSE EASTLAKE

Focused on hardcore, punk, screamo, and metal, El Corazón ("The Heart," a reference to the fact that the space has been a live music venue, bar, or club since 1910) has a show nearly every single night. The beloved punk dive Funhouse has also been resurrected (after losing its lease near the Space Needle in 2012) in a second room and features more "intimate" head-banging bills. And if punk music gives you a craving for waffles or wings, the Eastlake Waffle Window is open from 3 to 11 p.m. on weekdays and occasionally on weekends.

109 Eastlake Ave E, 206-262-0482, elcorazonseattle.com

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1414 Alaskan Way, 206-382-2171, highway99blues.com

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NEUMOS AND BARBOZA CAPITOL HILL

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Sunset Tavern: 5433 Ballard Ave NW,
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2218 Western Ave, Suite 100, 206-535-7285, foundation-nightclub.com

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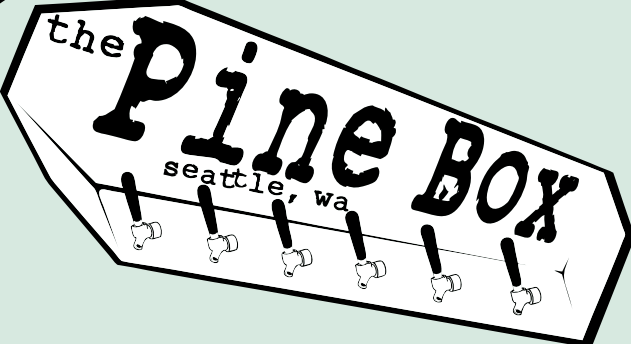
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2915 First Ave S, 206-695-2696,
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Q NIGHTCLUB CAPITOL HILL

Q’s interior is sort of like where you’d expect the cast of *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* to party—a wavy collection of pillars and rounded walls in a cavernous but beautifully lit space with lights and a huge wall for visual projections. Their bathrooms are next-level bonkers. They also host world-renowned DJs, local house music talent, and have an all-around solid crew of resident spinners.

1426 Broadway, 206-432-9306,
qnighclub.com

TRINITY NIGHTCLUB PIONEER SQUARE

This is a massive two-tiered, three-room nightclub that features different music in every room, dim sum, and serious partying (like weekly-beer-pong-tournaments-style partying). Plus, it has a stringent dress code, summed up on its website as “No effort, no entry.”

111 Yesler Way, 206-697-7702,
trinitynightclub.com

BARS

ADD-A-BALL FREMONT

Hidden beneath the Piece of Mind tobacco shop, Add-a-Ball is a retro-style arcade and pinball joint that serves booze and snacks to its quarter-laden patrons. It’s like the basement you wish you’d had when you were 14, if you were 14 in 1983. They also have a huge back room named Point Break with a whole wall of diner-booth tables so you can hang out forever playing weird and awesome pinball.

315 N 36th St #2b, 206-696-1613,
add-a-ball.com

BLUE MOON TAVERN UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

With us since 1934 (soon after the repeal of Prohibition in December 1933), the Blue Moon is dingy but well-loved, and pretty much everyone is welcome on its bar stools (Richard Hugo and Allen Ginsberg have even been on them). Plus, it hosts a wide variety of local talent,

from stand-up comedians to live music, almost every night of the week.

712 NE 45th St, 206-675-9116,
bluemoonseattle.wordpress.com

BUSH GARDEN INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

The Japanese food at Bush Garden isn’t anything special, but the place itself sure is. The foyer is the strangest in Seattle: Fantastical, dark, coiled tree branches dangle from the ceiling, and an elaborate fountain that appears not to have seen water in many years is crossed by a tiny bridge, on its shore a dusty bonsai. The bar has rolly-aroundy upholstered chairs and a faux pagoda roof; it is not too bright, not too dim; the temperature is always perfect; one of two completely wonderful, raspy-voiced bartenders is always working. The bar menu never changes, and a warm towel is brought to you in a little basket upon the ordering of food. Karaoke here (held daily at 9:30 p.m.) is especially marvelous.

614 Maynard Ave S, 206-682-6830,
bushgarden.net

CAFE MOX BALLARD

Card Kingdom—a game store with an impressively large and varied selection, bright and airy interiors, and a long history of hosting everything from board game competitions to official Magic: The Gathering set releases—is home to what is widely considered the default nerd bar: Cafe Mox. It has large tables, borrowable games, sixteen taps, good food you can eat without ruining your cards, and friendly staff that won’t judge you for nerding out for hours.

5105 Leary Ave NW, 206-523-2273,
moxboardinghouse.com/ballard

GARAGE CAPITOL HILL

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1130 Broadway, 206-322-2296,
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5231 Ballard Ave NW, 206-784-0175, hatties-hat.com

LINDA'S CAPITOL HILL

Under the baleful watch of a taxidermied buffalo, Capitol Hill has hung out at western-themed Linda's with shots and pitchers of beer for two-plus decades now, with the additional benefits of a pool table, a good jukebox, comfy booths, and a-okay burgers. Week-end breakfasts are served till the generous-to-the-hungover hour of 3 p.m., and the back patio is pure summertime awesomeness; get there early to stake out a table on sunny days. (Tourist note: This is reportedly the last place Kurt Cobain was seen alive.)

707 E Pine St, 206-325-1220, lindastavern.com

THE MECCA CAFE & BAR LOWER QUEEN ANNE

On one side, the Mecca is an old-timey counter-and-booth-style diner for those times when only dependable diner food can hit the spot—and dependable it is. On a bad day, one of their good greasy breakfasts or hot, open-faced turkey sandwiches might just save your life. On the other side, there's one of the world's best dive bars—narrow, noisy, well-loved, serving cheap and strong drinks with a no-nonsense attitude. The bar is always dark and timeless and weatherless, like an alcoholic submarine; you can still smell the scent of cigarettes past.

526 Queen Anne Ave N, 206-285-9728, mecca-cafe.com

E. OLIVE WAY BARS CAPITOL HILL

The downhill swing of 1351-1355-1361 E Olive Way includes an array of bars for many interests. Start at

PIE BAR, an identical-twins-owned establishment that combines your two insatiable cravings—alcohol and baked goods—in one tiny hamlet. Next door is **SPECKLED & DRAKE**, a duck-themed dive with occasional DJ nights that caters to those who just want some whiskey and a dark corner (and a surprisingly high-functioning photo booth). Last



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on the block is **JOHN JOHN'S GAME ROOM**, the perfect spot for anyone looking to blow \$50 in quarters on Golden Axe, or at least \$20 on cheap beer and congenial arcade company.

Pie Bar: 1361 E Olive Way, 206-257-1459, piebarcapitolhill.com; Speckled & Drake: 1355 E Olive Way, 917-476-9328; John John's Game Room: 1351 E Olive Way, 206-696-1613

ORIENT EXPRESS SODO

The Orient Express is a karaoke bar and Chinese and Thai food restaurant (try the crab rangoon), inside of a series of antique refurbished train cars. If you need more than that to have a good time, you're on your own.

2963 Fourth Ave S, 206-682-0683, seattleorientexpress.com

PACIFIC INN PUB FREMONT

The Pacific Inn Pub is an unpretentious place to drink with cheap beer, a jukebox, and superb fish 'n' chips. Located in the Stone Way crawl space between Fremont and Wallingford, this true neighborhood dive is sure to please all old-school Seattle enthusiasts.

3501 Stone Way N, 206-547-2967

PINE BOX CAPITOL HILL

Headed by Ian Roberts (a founder of Seattle Beer Week), the Pine Box enlivens its (gorgeous) mortuary setting with more than 30 beers on tap and pretty good pizza. Mostly, the Pine Box works marvelously as a beer hall.

It's loud and lovely and a lot of fun. **1600 Melrose Ave, 206-588-0375, pineboxbar.com**

SLIM'S LAST CHANCE CHILI SHACK & WATERING HOLE GEORGETOWN

Slim's has a great country-time roadhouse vibe; in summertime, bands play on the bed of an old Ford F-600 in the big backyard while happy people lounge at picnic tables. Regardless of season, though, Americana, punk, and rock groups play the Slim's stage all week long year-round. The chilis range from traditional Texas Red (all beef, no beans) to alternative (turkey and white bean). They're all good, and served either straight-up or, ingeniously, ladled over your choice of white cheddar grits or jalapeño mac 'n' cheese.

5606 First Ave S, 206-762-7900, slimslastchance.com

UNICORN AND NARWHAL CAPITOL HILL

The Unicorn, with its absurd name, rampant stripes, salvaged carousel panels, and menagerie of taxidermy, is insane. The bar serves Jell-O shots, and the place gets wild. The food is carnival-style deep-fry, including various corn-dog configurations, unicorn balls, and elephant ears, as well as good, inexpensive burgers made with Painted Hills beef. Additionally, you may have them DEEP-FRY AN ENTIRE HAMBURGER. Downstairs lies Narwhal, Unicorn's secondary bar, which hosts additional sources of alcohol, as well as arcade games,

extremely dark corners, and a stage from which small glories like the weekly Mimosas with Mama drag brunch are recurrently presented.

1118 E Pike St, 206-325-6492, unicornseattle.com

VERMILLION CAPITOL HILL

Vermillion is an art gallery in the front, while in the back there's the world's pleasantest surprise of a bar—a room that feels both cavernous and comfortable, with no natural light but perfect lighting. A jukebox plays great old 45s, an assortment of board games is on offer, wine is inexpensive, and simple, delicious snacks are available. Vermillion possesses the massive virtue of being wonderful without trying too hard.

1508 11th Ave, 206-709-9797, vermillionseattle.com

VITO'S FIRST HILL

After a sad absent spell, Vito's reopened in the fall of 2010 and returned to its old-school 1950s Italiano-style glory, with dark-red vinyl booths, central bar, a grand piano, and lounge-act entertainers including some great jazz (and never a cover charge). Where mobsters and mayors and priests (and doctors getting smashed and gangstas shooting guns) once convened, a cocktail and a plate of pasta wait for you. The ace bar staff, looking dapper, mix a perfect martini.

927 Ninth Ave, 206-397-4053, vitoSeattle.com



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A GUIDE TO GAY CLUBS, SHOPS, AND BARS

BY CHRISTOPHER FRIZZELLE

IN GENERAL

You're going to want to be on Capitol Hill. Though Seattle is a pretty gay city, Capitol Hill is where you'll find almost all of Seattle's gay bars, its only lesbian bar, and its crosswalks painted the colors of the rainbow. That said, West Seattle and Wallingford each have one gay bar, too.

BARS

PONY

The only gay bar in Seattle with an outdoor fire pit also has fantastic bartenders, clever DJs, and vintage gay porn (i.e., huge dicks) wheat-pasted to the walls. Plus, there's a photo booth. Plus, a glory-hole in the bathroom. What more do you want? Go-go dancers? They have go-go dancers on weekends. A tea dance? Sundays at 4 p.m. Karaoke? They have karaoke on Tuesday nights. Once I showed up on a Tuesday, and the entire cast of *The Book of Mormon* was there, singing their hearts out. A word to the wise: The later you show up to Pony, the more crowded it will be.

1221 E Madison St, 206-324-2854,
ponyseattle.com

MADISON PUB

A sports bar for men who like men. They have TVs, darts, pool, video games, and pull tabs. It's popular, crowded, and unpretentious.

1315 E Madison St, 206-325-6537,
madisonpub.com

DIESEL

Just steps away from Madison Pub and Pony, this bar caters to bears and the cubs who love them.

1413 14th Ave, 206-322-1080,
dieselseattle.com

WILDROSE

The only bar in the city for women who date women has a screaming deal on tacos on Tuesdays—\$1 for beef or bean tacos, \$2 for chicken tacos, and \$2 Tecates. On Wednesday night, there is karaoke at 9 p.m., and on Thursdays, well drinks are only \$3.

1021 E Pike St, 206-324-9210,
thewildrosebar.com

NEIGHBOURS

This is where the dancing happens. Raised platforms, disco lights, etc. Once a stalwart testament to enduring gayness, Neighbours these days welcomes more and more bachelorette parties. But with more than

30 years under its belt—the place is older than most of its clientele—Neighbours still hosts plenty of queer nights, and you'll find a range of sexual expression and orientation on the dance floor. Plus: talent competitions on Tuesdays, go-go boys Wednesday and Thursdays, house and EDM on Fridays and Saturdays, and Seattle's longest running Latino dance night on Sundays.

1509 Broadway, 206-324-5358,
neighboursnightclub.com

R PLACE

Three floors of gay bar with dancing up top, R Place also hosts live drag shows, *RuPaul's Drag Race* viewing parties, and karaoke (on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays at 9 p.m.). Other nights, the dancing starts at 10 p.m., and on Wednesdays and Thursdays, there's no cover.

619 E Pine St, 206-322-8828,
rplaceatl.com

THE CUFF

A leather bar that's frequently crowded with kinksters, jocks, pups, poz socials, and subs willing to shine your shoes, it also has a large outdoor patio. Seattle Men in Leather meet at the Cuff, and lots



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of gay sports teams have their social functions there. There are several different areas to hang out in, which makes hiding from your ex much easier. Plus: darts, pool, and a mirrored dance floor.

1533 13th Ave, 206-323-1525,
cuffcomplex.com

THE EAGLE

The leather bar with the best music, hands-down. They also have underwear parties on Saturdays, a urinal trough, video projections, an outdoor patio, and screamingly fun parties.

314 E Pike St, 206-621-7591,
seattleeagle.com

KREMWERK & THE TIMBRE ROOM

Kremwerk, located downstairs, is like a Berlin techno club, which, in addition to hosting actual DJs from Berlin, also has queer parties, such as Kings, a drag king show. Upstairs is the tiny, fun Timbre Room, with a small bar and small dance floor that plays host to popular house music parties and drag events.

1809 Minor Ave, 206-682-2935,
timbrerom.com, kremwerk.com

CC ATTLE'S

The best night to visit this gay bar is the first Saturday of the month—kink night. Guys dress up in the most amazing stuff (or sometimes almost nothing at all). On other nights, go for the slide show of naked men on the TVs, the pool tables, darts, and inexpensive bar food.

1701 E Olive Way, 206-726-0565,
ccattles.net

PURR

With men in shiny shirts, pink neon lights, and Madonna on the sound system, this bar will make you feel like it's the '80s again.

1518 11th Ave, 206-325-3112,
purrseattle.com

CHANGES

This is North Seattle's gay bar—the closest gay bar to the University of Washington, the Ballard Locks, or Northgate. They have pool, darts, Seahawks parties, and karaoke on Wednesdays.

2103 N 45th St, 206-545-8363,
changesinwallingford.com

OUTWEST

West Seattle is where gay folks go to retire, and this laid-back bar

epitomizes the neighborhood's laid-back spirit. Monday is trivia night, Wednesday is lesbian night, Thursday is karaoke, Friday and Saturday there are DJs, and Sunday is oriented around whatever game is on TV.

5401 California Ave SW, 206-937-1540, outwestbar.com

SHOPS

BABELAND

Vibrators on display, classes on everything from rope bondage to strap-ons to erotic massage, and a friendly staff, Babeland is perfectly suited to women who date women—but gay guys, straight couples, and folks across the spectrum are welcome too. They have display tubes of lube for testing before you buy. What other stores have that?

707 E Pike St, 206-328-2914,
babeland.com

DOGHOUSE LEATHERS

A must-stop shop for kinky guys, this place recently expanded to twice its square footage. They have handmade leather apparel, pup supplies, bondage toys galore, dirty magazines, and a sexy staff.

1312 E Pike St, 206-257-0231,
doghouseleathers.com

PUBLIC SEX AND BATHHOUSES

It used to be that Volunteer Park was overrun with bush bunnies, but the truth is, times have changed: Most people who want sex right now just get it through their smartphone. Nevertheless, if you want to tromp around an outdoor setting making eye contact with strangers for old time's sake, Volunteer Park is your best bet. (Forewarned is forearmed: Being naked in Seattle is not illegal, but "lewd conduct"—touching yourself or someone else who is naked—is.) For sanctioned public indoor sex, there are two bathhouses in town: Steamworks caters to a slightly younger crowd than Club Z, but both are for filthy men and the filthy men who love them.

Volunteer Park, 1247 15th Ave E;
Steamworks, 1520 Summit Ave,
206-388-4818,
steamworksbaths.com/seattle;
Club Z, 1117 Pike St, 206-622-9958,
thezclub.com



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Fremont Solstice Fair

Celebrate summer at the Fremont Solstice Fair, an event known primarily for its elaborately painted (and sometimes just wild 'n' free) nude bicyclists—but also offering tons of food, crafts, activities, performances, great people-watching, and a beer garden. *Fremont, June 17-18, free.*

Georgetown Carnival

Watch circus performers, acrobats, musicians, and artists of all kinds come together at this multidisciplinary festival that also promises games, food, and strange carnival fun. *Georgetown, Sat June 10, 12-10 pm, free.*

Northwest Folklife Festival

Every year since 1972, Folklife has existed as a gigantic, free hippie fest full of lovely people dancing, performing world music from "yodeling to beatboxing" and everything in between, serving tasty street food, and leading workshops in arts and crafts. It's a great, if potentially overwhelming people-watching experience: up to 250,000 people have visited

the festival in past years. *Seattle Center, May 26-29, free.*

Seafair

Every year, this iconic summer festival that started in 1950 puts on dozens of events throughout Seattle, starting with a kickoff ceremony on June 14 featuring hydroplanes and a knighting ceremony, and continuing for 10 weeks with events including multiple parades, cultural celebrations, and Fourth of July fireworks at Gas Works Park and Lake Union Park. Other highlights include Fleet Week (Aug 1-6), during which naval ships are docked in Elliott Bay for tours; the Seafair Pirates' Landing (July 8), in which "pirates" come ashore to snarl in a friendly fashion at the kids; the Milk Carton Derby (July 15), when boats made out of milk cartons are raced on Green Lake; the nighttime Torchlight Parade (July 29); and the culminating Seafair Weekend (Aug 4-6), featuring a Boeing air show, a hydroplane race, wakeboarding, and live entertainment. *Various locations, June 14- Aug 20.*

South Lake Union Block Party

Every year, South Lake Union throws

itself a party, featuring diverse musical pleasures from local band talents, as well as food trucks, a beer garden, and more. *South Lake Union Discovery Center, Fri Aug 11.*

University District Streetfair

It's the 48th annual party on the Ave: a festival of food, shopping, crafts, and music up and down the main street of the University District. Last year, nearly 20 bands played over the weekend on the outside stage. Dine on local foods and check out Big Time Brewery's beer garden, and buy a few crafty souvenirs to take home. *University District, May 20-21, free.*

Washington State Fair

The Washington State Fair will showcase big-name musical performers like the Beach Boys, Nickelback, Lady Antebellum, Hank Williams Jr, Modest Mouse, Earth, Wind and Fire, and others, but that's only a part of the festivities. There are also rides, a rodeo, Westwo—we mean, the Timber Gulch kistchy Western village, variety and music shows included in admission, and lots more. *Washington State Fair Events Center,*

Puyallup, Sept 1-24.

FOOD & DRINK

Ballard Burrito Fest 2017

We all know burritos pack so much into one food missile that they cause gravitational distortion. Well, this Burrito Fest might actually prove dangerous to the fabric of space-time, because with thousands of enthusiasts planning on gorging themselves, the ratio of beans, rice, and tortilla to empty space in Ballard is going to tilt radically. Celebrate the food-induced end of the universe with live music and kids' games. *Ballard Commons Park, Sat July 29, 11 am-7 pm, free.*

Ballard SeafoodFest

It's not surprising that this festival gets insanely crowded: it's focused on fresh seafood for sale and it's free. Celebrate Ballard's Nordic fishing heritage with the fruits of the sea and music, crafts, a beer garden, and more. Just get there early—75,000 people are expected to attend! *Ballard, July 8-9, free entry.*

Beer Camp on Tour Seattle

Hop on over to Gas Works Park, where Beer Camp on Tour will be offering what they promise is a lineup of hundreds of craft brewers from across the country, plus live music and food truck fare. *Gas Works Park, Fri June 30, 6-10 pm, \$40 - \$75.*

Brew Five Three

This Tacoma block party will have beer from more than 30 local breweries, food trucks, and live music. *Broadway Center for the Performing Arts, Tacoma, Sat Aug 5, 1-8 pm, \$10/\$25/\$30.*

Charles Smith's First Annual Jet City Rosé Experience

If you're a true rosé habitué, you won't want to miss local winemaker Charles Smith's first annual Jet City Rosé Experience this summer, an event where Charles Smith and at least a dozen other wineries will be pouring the pretty pink liquid for you to taste. The Rosé Experience will also feature live performances from Wanda Jackson, John Doe, and The Dusty 45's; a great view of Mt. Rainier, and the opportunity to explore the largest urban winery on the West Coast, plus—because rosé actually isn't its own food group—food trucks. *Charles Smith Wines Jet City, Sat June 3, 1 pm, \$25/\$30.*

Kirkland Uncorked

Kirkland's summer food and wine festival (which doubles as a benefit for the Homeward Pet Adoption Center) features a 21+ tasting garden with more than 70 Washington wineries, a Friday burger brawl featuring sliders from Eastside restaurants, and an all-ages street fair (featuring a cover dog model contest for *CityDog Magazine*). *Marina Park, Kirkland, July 14-16, \$15-\$30.*

Pierogi Fest

The first thing you'll discover at this love-fest for Polish cooking: People

really, really, really want to eat pierogi. They will show up in the hundreds for these starchy treasures, which can be filled with potato, meat, cheese, or even plums. You'll get a full plate for \$10, and you can also purchase beer and other Polish dishes or cultural souvenirs, like cutout art, folk wear, and sports scarves. *Polish Home Association, Sat May 13, 11:30 am-4 pm, \$10.*

PROOF: Washington Distillers Festival

Washington State is booze-rich, and PROOF gives you the chance to sample gin, whiskey, vodka, and bourbon, meet distillers, and buy bottles of your favorite Washington-made spirits. There will also be bites from many top-notch Seattle restaurants like RN74, Theo Chocolate, Amaro, and Uli's Famous Sausage. *Fremont Studios, Sat July 8, 5:30-9 pm.*

Seattle Beer Week

Dozens of watering holes will celebrate beer with even more zeal than usual during Beer Week, which officially launches at Flatstick Pub on Friday and continues in virtually every Seattle neighborhood and many suburbs. Particular events will focus your taste buds on nanobrews, stouts, cedar-aged IPAs, German beers, and more—plus there's a beer can derby, a Hangover Breakfast, beer dinners, beer and yoga, and a football-throwing contest. *Various locations, May 4-14.*

Seattle International Beerfest

Bring your own blanket to laze on the Seattle Center lawn and enjoy more than 200 types of classic or "exotic" beers from local and international breweries. There will also be a giant beer garden, a barrel-shaped bar on wheels, a bar in the back of a van, and more. *Fisher Pavilion, July 7-9, \$25/\$30/\$40.*

Seattle Street Food Festival

More than 75 food trucks will gather,

flanked by looming South Lake Union skyscrapers, for a curbside food festival, with a beer hall and a Night Market that lasts until 11 pm. *South Lake Union, July 15-16, free.*

Sunset Supper

Chefs, vintners, brewers, etc. from dozens of local restaurants, wineries, breweries, etc. will assemble on the cobblestones at the Market, and food, drink, live music, etc. will abound. This year, they'll have a great view of the Sound, thanks to their expansion onto the MarketFront Plaza and Canopy. Funds raised go to the very worthy Market Foundation, which includes the Pike Market Medical Clinic, Senior Center, Child Care & Preschool, and the Downtown Food Bank. *Pike Place Market, Fri Aug 18, 7:30-11 pm, \$175+.*

Taco Libre Truck Showdown

Along the Canal in Fremont, the fifth annual Taco Libre Truck Showdown promises more than 40 food trucks and booths competing for your affection with tacos, beer, margaritas, and cervezas. *Fremont Sunday Market, Sun May 7, 10 am-5 pm, free.*

Tater Tots & Beer Festival

Are we reaching food/booze festival saturation? Or are you too busy imagining all the combinations of craft beer and artisan tater tots to think about it? This 21+ festival invites you to try about 40 different brews and eight different types of tots. *Jefferson Park, Sat Aug 5, 1-4 pm, \$25-\$75.*

UW Night Market 2017

Night markets are a festive, noisy, and tasty autumn tradition in Taiwanese communities. Vendors sell delicious bites, gadgets, and other bargains to an enthusiastic public after dark. University of Washington's Taiwanese students have brought this tradition to Seattle every year since 2001. Come

for food, traditional games, and music. *Red Square, Sat May 13, 5:30-10:30 pm, free.*

Vashon Island Strawberry Festival

At Vashon Island's annual festival, you can learn swing dance for free, play carnival games, join a pancake breakfast, hear the announcement of the Unofficial Mayor (part of a faux-political charity campaign), chill in the beer garden, watch a classic car parade, and listen to live music. *Vashon Island, July 21-23.*

Washington Beer Collaboration Festival

Fifty Washington breweries will collaboratively concoct one-of-a-kind beers. Your admission price includes a glass and eight four-ounce tastes—you can buy more on-site. *South Lake Union Discovery Center, Sat Aug 19, \$30/\$35.*

Washington Brewers Festival 2017

Admission to the annual Washington Brewers Festival includes eight four-ounce tasting tokens and a souvenir glass; once inside, you can sample hundreds of beers, taste wine and cider, listen to live music, and purchase food from a variety of food trucks. Designated driver tickets (which include soda and water) are available for \$5 at the door. *Marymoor Park, Redmond, June 16-18, \$25/\$30.*

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2017 Vans Warped Tour

Vans Warped Tour is back again, with more mid-'00s throwbacks than you could shake a longboard at. Experience true Hot Topic-laced nirvana with headliners sure to deliver a drawn-out bacchanalia of all the emo-punk, pop-punk, post-punk, and regular punk you could ever want. This year's headliners include CKY, GWAR, The Adolescents, Strung Out, Emmure, and The Ataris, with more contemporary artists like Andy Black, American Authors, Dance Gavin Dance, Jule Vera, I Prevail, Neck Deep, New Years Day, Memphis May Fire, War On Women, and many more. *CenturyLink Field, Fri June 16, 11 am, \$43-\$88.*

6th Annual Watershed Festival

Watershed Country Music Festival returns to the Gorge for a wild weekend of twangin' goodness. Put on your "Shedder gear" (trucker hats?) and get ready for three whole days of down-home studs. *Gorge Amphitheatre, George, July 28-30, \$402-\$1216.*

Ballard Jazz Festival 2017

The 15th Annual Ballard Jazz Festival is happening again this year at various locations around the neighborhood, including New York Fashion Academy, Conor Byrne Pub, and the Nordic Heritage Museum. Enjoy live sets from local and national acts, a jazz walk down Ballard Avenue, and colloquial treats like the Swedish Pancake Jazz Brunch on the last day. *Various locations, May 17-20, \$12-\$110.*



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◀ Basin Summer Sounds Music Festival

Once you're in Ephrata, you'll find yourself in a vast festival of free music from contemporary artists. As of press time, they hadn't posted the 2017 lineup, but last year's festival showcased the Country Lips, the Nick Drummond Band, and the Railers, among many others. You can also spend some time in the beer gardens or perusing visual art. *Grant County Courthouse Grounds, Ephrata, July 21-22.*

Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival

The Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival will feature free and ticketed events for all ages and tastes, featuring vocalist Catherine Russell, the Corey Harris Band, funk/soul group Radio Raheem, and the Rumba Band. *Bellevue, May 31- June 4.*

Bumbershoot 2017

Bumbershoot, Seattle's biggest music, comedy, and arts festival, will take over Seattle Center for Labor Day Weekend 2017 for the 47th year. This year's lineup is full to bursting with local and national stars, including headliners like Flume, Lorde, Odesza, Solange, Weezer, and Gucci Mane, mid-range acts like Cody Jinks, Conor Oberst, Vince Staples, and Sofi Tukker, and hometown gems like Dude York, Porter Ray, and Crater. *Seattle Center, Sept 1-3.*

Capitol Hill Block Party 2017

Twenty-odd years ago, Capitol Hill Block Party was a one-day music event, featuring just a single stage. This year, the now iconic Capitol Hill festival will take over six blocks of the Pike/Pine corridor for three days of local and national artists on five separate stages. Headliners include Diplo, Run The Jewels, and Lord Huron, along with exceptional local artists like Zoolab, Sloucher, and Saint Claire, larger touring talents Angel Olsen, Wolf Parade, Lizzo, Thundercat, and many, many more. *Capitol Hill, July 21-23, \$60-\$150.*

Cascadia NW Arts and Music Festival

Starborne presents Cascadia NW Arts & Music Festival at the Masonic Family Campgrounds in Granite Falls, an entire weekend to camp out and enjoy live music, interactive art, workshops, performances and artisan vending. In their words: "Family Friendly and Party Approved." *Masonic Family Campground, July 13-16, \$35-\$300.*

Chateau Ste Michelle Summer Concert Series

Every year, Chateau Ste. Michelle lays out a full summer season of music legends and cultural luminaries to grace their beautiful landscape of flowing wine. From Santana to the Moody Blues to John Legend to 2Cellos, this stacked lineup occurs in single shows every few days from May to September, many of which sell out almost immediately. So head over to Woodinville, do a free tour and tasting because hell, you're already there, and buy tickets to see some of America's pop culture greats. *Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, June 1-Sept 30.*

Chateau Ste. Michelle Festival of Jazz

A whole day of live jazz classics and new interpretations from featured artists: Kandace Springs, Marc Antoine, David Sanborn, and husband/wife duo Herb Alpert & Lani Hall. Get in early for that lush woodland jazz picnic experience. *Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, Sat July 29, 2 pm, \$45/\$65.*

Concerts at the Mural

Locally famous public radio station KEXP presents a round of free, family-friendly concerts every year at the Mural Amphitheater at Seattle Center. Local and touring artists included in last year's line-up featured popular regional acts Industrial Revelation with Kyle Craft, Mommy Long Legs, The Thermals, and Crater. *Mural Amphitheatre, Fridays at 5:30 pm, Aug 4-25, free.*

Debate Fest 2017

"The odd juxtaposition of forward-thinking music filling an old venue is just one of many interesting facets to the 10th annual Debate Fest. Featuring 24 acts on two stages over two nights at the handsome, acoustically brilliant Columbia City Theater, Debate Fest crams in more scintillating sounds per square foot than do most music events. Musicians like Mára, DoNormaal, Newxeyes, Brett Naucke, Benoît Pioulard, Spectrum Control, and DIAD have, in the past, offered unconventional twists on folk, rock, hip-hop, psychedelia, electronic, ambient music, and more. In a world of increasingly commercialized and homogenous music festivals, Debate stands out for its bold and idiosyncratic curation." —*Stranger* music critic Dave Segal. *Columbia City Theater, Sat May 6, 5 pm, \$20/\$25.*

Doe Bay Fest 2017

Doe Bay Fest's weekend of camping, local music, food, and dancing in a little Orcas Island cove will return for its 10th year. *Doe Bay Resort, Olga, Aug 10-13, \$120-\$195.*

Downstream Music Festival & Art Show

In a feat of underground community planning, Substation will host a music and art festival called Downstream, directly positioned against Paul Allen's Upstream, its cultural and financial polar opposite. Substation is in Ballard, so if you run downstream from Ballard, you'll hit Upstream, located in Pioneer Square, and vice versa. It's a cute trick. For three straight days, the venue will boast double digits worth of local talents spanning across all genres, with bands like Witch Ripper, Vomiface, Peace & Red Velvet, RA Scion, and many more. *Substation, May 11-13, 8 pm, \$10/day.*

HONK! Fest West

This family-oriented festival gets you in on the brass, percussion, and street band "global renaissance." Twenty-five

or more bands will jam in streets and parks around Seattle as they celebrate this democratic and ebullient musical genre. *Various locations, June 2-19, free.*

Marymoor Park Summer Concert Series

The 640-acre Marymoor Park hosts an annual outdoor concert series, with headlining artists this year to include John Mellencamp (June 8), UB40 (July 13), and Idina Menzel (Aug 22). *Marymoor Park, Redmond, June 8-Sept 30.*

Oak Harbor Music Festival

Enjoy the beauty of Whidbey Island to the tune of three whole days of free music in downtown Oak Harbor. *Whidbey Island, Sept 1-3.*

Pain in the Grass 2017

KISW's Pain in the Grass takes over the badlands (Auburn) for an all-day nostalgia-thrash fest, featuring acts like Korn, Stone Sour, Babymetal, The Pretty Reckless, YelaWolf, Radkey, Islander, and more. *White River Amphitheatre, Auburn, Sat June 24, 1:40 pm, \$22.99-\$99.50.*

Paradiso Festival

Paradiso is the PNW's premier festival of WVUB-VVUB-VVUB, colloquially known as brostep, also called EDM, which is short for "electronic dance music" (you're welcome, grandpa). Big name headliners will surely be there, but they haven't been announced yet. Glow sticks will be wielded. Hearts broken. Vape pens smoked. *Gorge Amphitheatre, George, June 23-24, \$198-\$943.*

Pickathon 2017

Popular bluegrass festival Pickathon returns to Pendarvis Farm for some rootin'-tootin' and new-boot-scootin' and whatever else qualifies as country fun. Despite always staying true to its bleedin' bluegrass heart, Pickathon has expanded its reach in recent years to include artists like Charles Bradley & His Extraordinaires, Dinosaur Jr., Tank & The Bangas, Ty Segall, Jonathan Richman, and many more. ▶

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THINGS TO DO

◀ *Pendarvis Farm, Happy Valley, Aug 3-6, \$125-\$310.*

Pretty Lights

"Denver producer Derek Vincent Smith has zoomed to massive popularity over the last decade with soulful, expansive tracks that smooth out hip-hop's invigorating funkiness and create a gently glowing orchestral corona around downtempo electronica. He also does a celestial cover of Chic's deeply moving 'At Last I Am Free,' replete with a sample of Robert Wyatt singing it. Influential producer Rick Rubin lauds Pretty Lights as 'the face and the voice of the new American electronic music scene,' and has the Beastie Boys' LL Cool J/Slayer studio wiz ever been wrong? Well, a few times, but not in this case." —Dave Segal. *Gorge Amphitheatre, George, Aug 4-5, 4 pm, \$123-\$889.*

Sasquatch! Music Festival

Lose yourself in Central Washington for three straight days of sweat, chili fries, and enough live music to last you the summer. The announced headliners include Frank Ocean, Twenty One Pilots, and Chance The Rapper, with support from Sleigh Bells, Benjamin Clementine, Kaytranada, The Head & The Heart, and more. *Gorge Amphitheatre, George, May 26-28, \$295.*

Seattle Chamber Music Society Summer Festival

Seattle Chamber Music Society's summer festival includes free informal recitals and full orchestral performances for all ages throughout the month of July. The whole festival is a great way to get more classical music in your life, and the Music Under the Stars series is especially popular. At MUTS shows, a student ensemble sets up in a park and plays to whoever shows up, often folk with picnic blankets in tow, before Benaroya Hall pipes in whatever performance is happening that night to the assembled throng. *Various locations, July 3-28, \$30-\$564.*

Summer Meltdown 2017

Nestled in the mountains of central Washington, Summer Meltdown aims to provide a weekend of high energy live music performances, camping, and other outdoor adventures. Featured artists will include the String Cheese Incident, Nahko and Medicine for the People, Elephant Revival, The Wailers, The Grouch, TAUk, The Floozies, the Infamous Stringdusters, and many more. *Darrington Bluegrass Music Park, Arlington, Aug 10-13, \$65-\$165.*

Timber! Outdoor Music Festival

Timber! Outdoor Music Festival brings together diverse music and small-town, outdoor fun. The all-star line-up includes big names like Sisters of Soul, Sera Cahoone, and Shovels & Rope, with local gems like Maiah Manser, The

True Loves, Smokey Brights, Cataldo, and Adra Boo rounding it out, and many more involved. There will also be activities including a 5K run, a Bob Ross painting party, flash light tag, swimming, mountain biking, stargazing, s'more-making, and tree-climbing. *Tolt-McDonald Park, Carnation, July 13-15, \$65.*

Upstream Music Festival and Summit

Upstream is a three-day music festival and summit set to take place in more than 25 venues around Pioneer Square. It's Paul Allen's attempt to mold a PNW-focused South by Southwest type large-scale festival, with music, art, tech, and film programming involving many local emerging talents, and more than 200 artists, and keynote speakers Macklemore, Quincy Jones, and Portia Sabin. Curated by longtime hip-hop booker and former talent-buyer at the Crocodile Meli Darby, the vast majority of bands are Seattle- and NW-centric, including Shabazz Palaces, electro-jammers Beat Connection, Iska Dhaaf, glam-rockers Thunderpussy and R&B trio The Flav'r Blue. *Pioneer Square, May 11-13, \$40-\$425.*

West Seattle Summer Fest

Some of Seattle's favorite bands will head out to the West Seattle Junction for this summer's festival: Tacocat, Grace Love & the True Loves, Chastity Belt, Pillar Point, Hobosexual, and many more. If you know any of these names, you can tell it's a lineup of pop, soul, and punk talent. There will also be a market: If previous years are anything to go by, one can eat tasty fried food, watch clowns be unintentionally creepy, learn about sustainability, and play giant Jenga. *West Seattle Junction, July 14-16.*

Wine Country Blues Festival

To add to their festival repertoire, Chateau Ste. Michelle will host this stacked summer festival bill of live sets by blues masters Colin James, John Mayall, Charlie Musselwhite, and Buddy Guy. *Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, Sun July 30, 3 pm, \$55/\$85.*

Xperience! Music Festival

King County Library System will be hosting its first-ever music fest this spring, namely the Xperience! Music Festival, a free and all-ages weekend that promises to feature local stand-out artists like SassyBlack, Wild Powwvers, Nordra, and many more. In addition to live music, the festival, in an honest effort to foster creativity across barriers, will host tutorials for sound recording software and digital instruments, musical instrument building, stop animation workshops, ukulele lessons, and speaker panels of notables from the local music and art industries. *Bellevue Regional Library, May 20-21, 12-8 pm, free.*

ZooTunes

ZooTunes is a 30-plus-year Seattle tradition that brings big-name artists to the North Meadow of the Woodland Park Zoo. This year's lineup includes Seu Jorge Presents: The Life Aquatic, A Tribute to David Bowie (June 20), Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo with Rick Springfield (Aug 15), and St. Paul & the Broken Bones with Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue (Aug 20). Kids are welcome, and can cavort in the Seattle Gymnastics Academy play area, but, if you're attending without kids, there are also two beer gardens. *Woodland Park Zoo, June 20-Aug 20, \$32.50-\$269.*

QUEER

Capitol Hill Pride Festival

Capitol Hill's high-spirited outdoor festival will commemorate the Stonewall Riots of 1969 with music, contests, and more fun, but also a rally and march for social justice preceding the official Seattle Pride Fest that will happen on Sunday. *Capitol Hill, June 10-11, 10 am-10 pm, free.*

Capitol Hill Pride March

Rally for the queer community and its nonprofit allies at this Capitol Hill neighborhood-specific march, not technically affiliated with the annual PrideFest or Seattle Pride March, but symbolically aligned as a gesture of solidarity with the Pride March in DC. Allies welcome, of course. *Cal Anderson Park, Sun June 11, 11 am-4 pm, free.*

The Equality March for Unity and Pride — Seattle

March in solidarity with the national Pride March happening in D.C. at the Seattle-wide protest march centered on establishing and upholding the rights of the LGBTQIA community. Beloved organizations like Gay City, the Gender Justice League, GSBA, PFLAG Washington State Council, and others will be in attendance, and all respectful allies are welcome. *Capitol Hill, Sun June 11, 12-6 pm, free.*

Pride Parade

Show the queer and allied community's Indivisibility—this year's theme—at Seattle's 43rd Annual Pride Parade. *4th and Union, Sun June 25, free.*

Seattle PrideFest 2017

The largest free Pride fest in North America welcomes kids, youth, and everybody else with a rainbow streak to party in the streets. Parades, booths, performances... it's all there at this culmination of Pride Month. *Cal Anderson Park, Sat June 24, 12-8 pm, free.*

OUTDOORS

Classic Weekend: Father's Day Weekend Boat Parade

Feed your seagoing fantasies and tour almost 50 yachts at this downtown marina, courtesy of the Classic Yacht

Association. *Bell Harbor Marina, June 17-18, 10 am-4 pm, free.*

Georgetown Garden Walk

Explore the greenery of the once-industrial Georgetown district during a free self-guided walking tour of gardens, artist studios, shops, restaurants, and the Museum of Communication. *Various locations, Sun July 9, 10 am-5 pm, free.*

Harley Marine Seattle Maritime Festival

Seattle's waterfront at Pike Place may be better known, but Ballard's seagoing heritage is every bit as interesting, and it remains vital today. This festival combines practical knowledge-sharing (maritime safety skills, flares and emergency signals) with free canal rides, ship tours, science lectures by the NOAA, children's activities, water displays, and even sea-themed poetry. Most of the activities take place at the Seattle Maritime Academy on Sunday, aka "Family Fun Day," but the poetry slam is on Thursday night, and you can tour the Fishermen's Terminal on Friday. *Various locations, May 11-13, free entry.*

Lake Union Wooden Boat Festival

For three days, celebrate all things wooden boats—from toy vessels to huge historic ones—with a boat race, model construction, boat restoration, food, music, and more. *Center for Wooden Boats, July 1-4, free.*

Opening Day

On Opening Day of the Seattle boating season, the Montlake Bridge will be ceremonially raised, crews and sailboats will race, and decorated yachts will glide down the Lake Washington Ship Canal. Bring a picnic lunch and cheer for your favorite vessels. *Montlake, Sat May 6.*

Questival Adventure Race

Can you stay up and solve puzzles for 24 hours? Join a two- to six-person team to tackle "challenges that push you out of your comfort zone" and that may include good works, athleticism, and cooperation. You may win prizes like trips or adventure gear. All participants get a free backpack. *Hangar 30 in Magnuson Park, Fri June 23, \$33+.*

Sequim Lavender Weekend

It may not be the lavender fields of Provence this summer, but lovely Sequim goes lavender-berserk every year. Celebrate the headache-soothing, jitters-melting herb with farm tours, a street fair, art events, and more. *Sequim, Sequim, July 21-23.*

Shilshole Boatfest: Seas the Bay

Set sail on Shilshole Bay at this free festival, which aims to teach you boat safety and ecological responsibility. Tour a liveaboard boat, take out a kayak, browse booths for yacht, boat, and travel information plus arts and crafts, and enjoy music and food. *Shilshole Bay Marina, June 10-11, free.* ▶



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THINGS TO DO

PERFORMANCE

21st Seattle International Festival of Improv

Improvisors from around the world will come to Seattle to participate in the 21st Seattle International Festival of Improv, which lasts for a week and features a variety of types of performances. *Unexpected Productions' Market Theater, June 18-25, \$12/\$15/\$30.*

Seattle International Dance Festival

For 16 days, dancers from around the world (and some local stars) will perform in indoor and outdoor venues. Some events will be free and all-ages. In general, the focus is on innovation and diversity; in a *Stranger* article from 2013, Melody Datz Hansen observed the festival's "local spotlight" show and commended its wide range of choreography and costume, from "classical moves" made "new and rad" to "upsetting" lurching by a dancer in a potato-penis suit. *Various locations, June 9-25.*

Seattle Outdoor Theater Festival 2017

Theater is alive in Seattle, but, as in most places, it generally isn't cheap. Green-Stage, Theater Schmeater, and Wooden O Productions set out to change that in 2001 with the first Outdoor Theater Festival. Watch Shakespeare plays and more contemporary pieces from 14/48, Jet City, Last Leaf Productions, Shakespeare Northwest, and the festival's founders over what will hopefully be a sunny weekend. *Volunteer Park, July 15-16, free.*

WEED

★ 26th Annual Hempfest

"Since its 1991 kick-off as the "Washington Hemp Expo" in Volunteer Park, Hempfest's grown into a nationally recognized destination event on the Seattle waterfront, where hundreds of thousands of weed-curious citizens gather for a three-day festival of weed-themed music, speeches, and tchotchke commerce, and law enforcement looks the other way as dense puffs of smoke sporadically fill the air. Hempfest is a HUGE EVENT that's helped make the tremendous progress we're now seeing in Washington's weed laws, and every year it seems to get bigger, with more and more people trekking to Seattle to cement Hempfest's reputation as 'the premier flagship event of the global cannabis culture,' as the Hempfest website puts it." —*Stranger* weed writer David Schmader *Myrtle Edwards Park, Aug 18-20, \$10 suggested donation per day.*

FILM FESTIVALS

★ HUMP! Film Festival 2017

If you missed the amateur porn films

that played at Dan Savage's 12th annual HUMP! Film Festival in November 2016, now's your chance to see them again (including the winners of the HUMP! Awards), as part of the 2017 national tour, before the new crop of films that will be part of the 13th annual festival in November 2017. *SIFF Cinema Uptown, May 12-13, \$25.*

★ Seattle International Film Festival 2017

The Seattle International Film Festival is the largest film festival in the US, with more than 450 films (spread over 25 days) watched by around 150,000 people. It's impressively grand, and is one of the most exciting and widely-attended arts events Seattle has to offer. *Various locations, May 18-June 11, \$625-\$1250.*

Seattle Outdoor Cinema

The Seattle Outdoor Cinema (formerly Fremont Outdoor Movies) is celebrating its 25th season with a permanent venue upgrade to the South Lake Union Discovery Center. All screenings are 21+, there will be a beer garden (proceeds from which will benefit various rotating non-profits), and other pre-screening entertainment. *South Lake Union Discovery Center, opens Sat July 8, \$5/\$10/\$25.*

Translations Film Festival

Three Dollar Bill Cinema presents their 12th annual festival highlighting more than 70 films and artists from around the world that explore transgender experiences. This year, opening night promises a screening of *Free Cece!*, a documentary featuring Laverne Cox and Cece McDonald that explores Cece McDonald's incarceration in a men's prison—as well as systemic injustices and violence that transgender women of color face. (McDonald and director Jacqueline Gares will attend the opening night party at the Egyptian.) The festival will also host discussions and special events, including a live concert featuring Joe Stevens and Ben Wallace. The closing night screening is *Die Beautiful*, a Filipino comedy-drama that won Best Actor and the Audience Choice Award at the Toyko International Film Festival. *Northwest Film Forum, May 4-14.*

ART EVENTS

Alki Art Fair

There will be juried art, three music stages, kids' activities, and lots of food at this large community fair on scenic Alki Beach. *Alki Beach, July 22-23, free.*

Art Rising

Art will occupy South Lake Union in the form of interactive installations, which visitors will be encouraged to climb, photograph, touch, or even move. Urban Craft Uprising vendors will sell art you can take home. *Various locations, Sat May 6, 12-7 pm, free.*

Arts in Nature Festival

The Arts in Nature Festival presents a series of acoustic, unplugged performances by musicians, dancers, actors, and other performers, plus participatory art happenings set against the most beautiful backdrop: Mother Nature. *Camp Long, Aug 26-27.*

BAM ARTSfair

Shop arts from more than 300 creators and take advantage of free admission to the Bellevue Arts Museum at this annual festival, which they claim is the largest arts and crafts fair in the Northwest. *Bellevue Arts Museum, July 28-30, free.*

Made in Seattle Week

There's a massive amount of amazing stuff being made right in our beautiful city. That's why General Assembly organizes a week-long program of events highlighting local leaders in tech, food, music, design & art, and beer, bringing together people from different sectors to talk about their projects—as well as why Seattle is a great place to live and work. Catch a panel at various locations across the city and grab a beer, listen to a performance by Manatee Commune and Harps, converse with restaurateurs and brewers like Rachel Yang (Joule, Trove) or Matt Lincecum (Fremont Brewing Company) and tech leaders like Frank Strack (TEKsystems), and hear from local designers and artists like Minh Nguyen and Julia Hensley. *Various locations, June 5-9.*

★ Red May

"Philip Wohlsetter, a local intellectual who has been a part of the Seattle art scene since the early 1980s, when he helped produce one of the first crowd-sourced anythings by means of a computer (a novel called *Invisible City*), has organized a world-class radical left festival that will run in the month May. This thing is big, ambitious, and timely—though Wohlsetter began putting it together long before anyone could believe that Trump would be our next president. The event is called Red May, it will include films, exhibits, talks, and a bunch of brilliant and noted radical thinkers and artists (Michael Hardt, Chino Miéville, Joshua Clover, Nisi Shawl, Steven Shaviro, Kathi Weeks, Geoff Mann—to name a few)." —*Stranger* editor Charles Mudede. *Various locations, through May 28.*

Renegade Craft Fair

Renegade Craft Fair will return to Magnuson Park for the third year, bringing along more than 200 makers selling their wares, DIY workshops, food and drinks, and other special events. *Hangar 30 in Magnuson Park, July 22-23, 11 am-6 pm.*

Seattle Art Fair

This mammoth art fair began in 2015 under the auspices of Paul Allen: in terms of the quality of art and the enthusiasm of the gallery-goers, it's been a great success, drawing Seattle and West Coast galleries and 18,000 participants. This year's edition will also be immense,

with at least 80 galleries representing 25 cities, from as close as Pioneer Square to as far as Seoul, Korea. Seattle exhibitors include Bridge Productions, Foster/White, Greg Kucera Gallery, Davidson Galleries, James Harris Gallery, and Linda Hodges Gallery, among many others. *CenturyLink Field Event Center, Aug 3-6.*

The Seattle Pancakes & Booze Art Show

That's right, hungry thirsty art-starved pancake aficionados, this show's got everything you need: 70 or more artist vendors, a free pancake bar, DJs, and body painting. 21+. *El Corazon, Sat June 3, 8 pm, \$7-\$12.*

Seattle Tattoo Expo

For enthusiasts of permanently decorated flesh, here are three days to admire the art of the tattoo needle-wielder: See displays, attend seminars, and find the right artist to punch that sweet Bob Ferguson tat into your skin. *Fisher Pavilion, Aug 18-20, \$20/\$50.*

Shoreline Arts Festival

Browse an art market with more than 70 vendors, see dance and live music performances, peruse art and photography by adults and youth, and check out the "cultural rooms" offering knowledge, samples, and activities relating to Korean, Filipino, Chinese, pan-African, and Latin cultures. *Shoreline Center, June 24-25, free.*

Urban Craft Uprising

"Seattle's largest indie craft show" boasts a very large number of vendors—150 or more—selling toys, kits, clothing, jewelry, food, clothes, crafts, etc., etc., etc. It's a boon for small business owners and their customers alike. Just be prepared for crowds: These markets can easily draw 12,000 indie shoppers. *Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, Sat June 24, 11 am-5 pm.*

GEEK & GAMING

Crypticon

Crypticon will fill the DoubleTree with hundreds of gorehounds, bloodsluts, zombros, and creepazoids. This year, George Romero himself will appear, as well as some of the cast members who got their brains eaten in his film that launched a gazillion zombies, *Night of the Living Dead*. Other special guests will include Doug Bradley (*Hellraiser*), Judie Aronson (*Weird Science*), John Amplas (*Martin*), and other denizens of the B-movie shadow realm. Dress up and enter the cosplay contest, attend the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* with Shadowcast, watch new horror shorts at the film festival, and party on the 13th floor. *DoubleTree Hotel, May 5-7, \$60/\$80/\$195/\$285.*

Evergreen Tabletop Expo 2017

About a thousand tabletop geeks—or more—are expected to converge at this great big gaming convention that allows the public to meet designers and other special guests, witness the granting of the LUCI Awards for creativity in ▶



THINGS TO DO



PRIDE PARADE

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◀ tabletop game design, compete in the national championships for Fantasy Flight Games' Android: Netrunner and A Game of Thrones, play demos, and more. Plus, there's one evening of free gaming for the public on June 2, even if you haven't paid for a badge. *Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, June 2-4, free-\$50+.*

iFest

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment's iFest is devoted to indie games of all genres, including video games, board games, and card games. There will be demonstrations, speakers, and a "People's Choice" award given at the end of the day. *Seattle Center Armory, Sat May 6, 11 am-3 pm, free.*

PAX West 2017

PAX West is an annual convention in Seattle devoted exclusively to gaming, and, since it started in 2004, it has become one of the two largest gaming events in North America, along with its Boston spinoff, PAX East. The convention features panels, an exhibit hall, new game demonstrations, and special guests. *Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Sept 1-4.*

CULTURE

17th of May Festival

The 17th of May (Syttende Mai) marks Norwegian independence and is the occasion for people to don national dress and march through Ballard. Plus, you can enjoy free admission to the Nordic Heritage Museum all day. *Ballard, Wed May 17, free.*

Ananda Mela

Tour a model Vedic village and a Ganges exhibit, get henna'ed, try unique regional specialties, do yoga, let your kids bounce on inflatables, and meet adorable Gir cows at this "joyful festival of India," which they say is the largest of its kind in the Northwest. *Redmond City Hall, Redmond, July 29-30, free.*

Arab Festival

This festival, which originated in the era of the first Persian Gulf War, connects festival-goers with Arab culture, art, and food from 22 countries. *Fisher Pavilion, July 15-16, free.*

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

To mark Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month, explore the culture, cuisine, and art of the region with this festival's "spectacular lion dances, youth drill teams, drumming, martial arts," games, and more. *Seattle Center Armory, Sun May 7, free.*

Bon Odori Festival

For Bon Odori or Obon, Japanese Buddhists commemorate their ancestors through ceremony and dance. Seattle's festival, officially part of Seafair, will line the street with food booths, showcase taiko drumming and martial arts, and provide demonstrations of arts and crafts. *Seattle Buddhist Church, July 15-16, free.*

BrasilFest

BrasilFest celebrates the blend of indigenous, Portuguese, and African cultures that make the huge South American country's life, music, food, and culture so fascinating. Hear samba, guitar, and folk music, see capoeira demos, and partake in luscious Brazilian food. *Seattle Center, Sun Aug 20, free.*

Chief Seattle Days

Every year, the Suquamish tribe honors Chief Seattle in a tradition dating back to 1911. As in the first year, the organizers hold a salmon bake, canoe races, drumming, dance events, a baseball tournament, and a memorial for the Suquamish leader. That's not all, though: Over the years, new traditions have been added, like golf, hardball, a Youth Royalty Pageant, a market, the Coastal Jam, a fun run, and a pow wow. *Suquamish, Aug 17-20.*

Dragon Fest

The "largest pan-Asian celebration in the Northwest" spans cultural performances, food, and art from India to China to the Philippines to the Pacific Islands. It includes the beloved \$3 food walk, where you can explore the neighborhood while inhaling cheap snacks, as well as Korean drumming, Chinese martial arts, and lion/dragon dances. *Chinatown-International District, July 15-16, free.*

Festival Sundiata Presents Black Arts Fest

African American and pan-African diaspora artists, musicians, chefs, authors, and dancers will give performances and talks. Learn about black arts through workshops, music, and small-artisan shopping. Some highlights include the African American Writer's Alliance's gathering on "The Poet, the Musician, and the Artist Poets," the Smokin Black Chefs, and Afua Kouyate's drum workshop. *Seattle Center, June 10-11.*

A Glimpse of China

Immerse yourself in Chinese art, history, craft, dance, and food at this festival and market. *Seattle Center Armory, Sat May 20, free.*

In the Spirit Northwest Native Festival

Immerse yourself in Native art, fashion and hear drumming and singing at this yearly festival and juried art show featuring a vendor marketplace and a performance venue. *Washington State History Museum, Tacoma, Sat Aug 19, free.*

Iranian Festival

The Iranian American Community Alliance brings you the 11th year of its festival of Iran's rich and expressive culture. Learn about the cultural roots and contemporary influences of Iran through live performances, visual arts, a Rumi poetry showcase, hands-on activities, an Iranian tea house, a variety of foods, children's games, and a marketplace. *Seattle Center, Sat Aug 12, free.*

Japan Fair

Hear music, take workshops, learn about culture, and buy goods from Japan at this arts and culture fest. *Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue, July 8-9, free.*

Native Art Market

Walk right past those "Native print" undies at Urban Outfitters and instead, purchase some actual Native art made by actual Native artists at this market featuring woodcarving, basketry, jewelry, graphic design, metalwork, and forging. There will also be demonstrations so you can get a peek into the process. *Burke Museum, Sat May 13, 10 am-4 pm, \$10.*

Pagdiriwang Philippine Festival

It's the 30th year of this Independence Day festival showcasing traditional music and dance as well as food, clothing,

games, and contemporary arts and culture of the Philippines. Immerse yourself in this Southeast Asian culture and rediscover your roots or learn something totally new. Past festivals have included Banga dancers, artifact shows, martial arts, and local celebrities like Sara Porkakob. *Seattle Center Armory, June 3-4.*

Pista Sa Nasyon

At this one-day festival, look forward to food, live entertainment, information booths, arts and crafts activities, and children's games, all "celebrating the very best of being Filipino." *Seward Park Amphitheater, Sun July 30, 9 am-8 pm, free.*

Polish Festival

Upper Silesia (Górny Slask in Polish), a linguistically and historically fascinating region overlapping Poland and Czechia, will be the focus of this year's Polish Festival, an annual event offering food, beer, crafts, workshops, and performances. *Seattle Center, Sat July 8, 12-8 pm, free entry.*

Seattle Dragon Boat Festival

About 1,000 athletes will take to the oars of dragon boats, sleek kayak-shaped 20-seaters, and race to the beating of drums. For spectators on shore, there's music on the World Beat Stage, as well as crafts, workshops, and food. *South Lake Union Park, Sat July 29, 8:15 am, free.*

Spirit of Africa

This pan-African fest was the brainchild of Thione Diop, a Senegalese griot (traveling poet/musician), and grew gradually to incorporate music, dance, and art from the whole continent. *Seattle Center Armory, Sat May 13, free.*

Tibet Fest

Enjoy a glimpse into the fascinating cultures of Tibet. Make a Sand Mandala, brush up on herbal medicine, try food, hear music, and buy cool art and trinkets. *Seattle Center, Aug 26-27, free.*

Umoja Fest 2017

The Umoja Fest African Heritage Festival and Parade, which takes its name from the Swahili word for "unity," has been a Seattle tradition since the 1940s that aims to highlight the history and regional culture of the African American community. The festival starts with Children's Day—which includes arts and crafts, dancing, and storytelling—and continues throughout the weekend with Soul N The Park, the Afrobeat and Roots Stage, the Heal The Hood Basketball Tournament, and Hip Hop 4 Peace. *Judkins Park, Aug 4-6, free.*

Viking Days

Steer your longboat to Ballard's charming museum of Scandinavian heritage and enjoy pancakes, aquavit, beer, sausages and salmon, listen to musical acts, and make war at a Viking village (or see weaving and craft demonstrations, if you're too peaceable for that). *Nordic Heritage Museum, Aug 19-20, 10 am-5 pm.*

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ART EVENTS

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Greenwood/Phinney, Second Fri 6-9 pm, free

Ballard Night Out:

Third Thurs 6-9 pm, free

Belletown Art Walk:

Second Fri 6-9 pm, free

Capitol Hill Art Walk:

Second Thurs 5-8 pm, free

Drink & Draw:

Capitol Cider, Second & Fourth Thurs 7-8:30 pm, free

First Thursday Art Walk:

Pioneer Square, First Thurs, free

Fremont First Friday:

First Fri 6-9 pm, free

Georgetown Art Attack:

Second Sat 6-9 pm, free

U-District Art Walk:

Third Fri, free

Urban Craft Uprising First Thursdays:

Occidental Park, First Thurs 4-9 pm, through Sept 28

Uptown Art Walk:

Lower Queen Anne, Third Thurs, free

West Seattle Art Walk:

Second Thurs, free

COMEDY

Call Backs:

Comedy Underground, Tues 8:30-11 pm, \$8

The Central Comedy Show:

Central Cinema, Second Thurs 8 pm, \$10

Comedy Nest Open Mic:

Rendezvous, Tues 8 pm, \$5

Comedy Open Mic:

Laughs Comedy Club, Wed 8 pm, free

Duo Comedy Showcase:

Unexpected Productions' Market Theater, Wed 8:30 pm, \$5

Improv Happy Hour:

Unexpected Productions' Market Theater, Fri-Sat 7 pm, \$10

The Improv Jam:

Atlas Theatre, Wed 8 pm, \$10

Karajokey:

Rendezvous, Second Wed 10 pm, \$5

The Magic Hat Presented by Emmett Montgomery and Friends:

Rendezvous, Mon 7 pm, \$5

Mon 7 pm, \$5

Monday Night Open Mic:

Comedy Underground, Mon 8:30-11 pm, \$6

Naked Brunch:

Rendezvous, Sat 3:30 pm, free

Open Mic Comedy:

Scratch Deli, Fri 6:45 pm, free

Wallingford Laughs:

Murphy's Pub, Second Wed 9 pm, free

Weird and Awesome with Emmett Montgomery:

Annex Theatre, First Sun, 7:30 pm, \$10

Wicked Awesome Wednesday:

Rendezvous, Third Wed 7 pm, pay what you can

FARMERS MARKETS

Ballard Farmers Market:

Sun 10 am-3 pm

Capitol Hill/Broadway Farmers Market:

Sun 11 am-3 pm

Chophouse Row Night

Market: Wed 4-8 pm

Columbia City Farmers Market:

Wed 3-7 pm

Fremont Sunday Market:

Sun 10 am-4 pm

Lake City Farmers Market:

Thurs 3-7 pm, June 8-Oct 5

Madrona Farmers Market:

Fri 3-7 pm, May 19-Sept 29

Magnolia Farmers Market:

Sat 10 am-2 pm, June 3-July 22, Aug 5-Oct 14

Phinney Farmers Market:

Fri 3:30-7:30 pm, June 2-Oct 6

Pike Place Evening Farmers Market:

Wed 3-7 pm, May 31-Sept 27

Pike Place Farmers Market:

City Hall Plaza: Tues 10 am-2 pm, May 30-Sept 30

Pike Place Farmers Market:

Denny Regrade: Tues 10 am-2 pm, June 20-Sept 30

Pike Place Farmers Market:

First Hill: Fri, June 2-Sept 30

Pike Place Farmers Market:

South Lake Union: Thurs 10 am-2 pm, June 1-Sept 30

Queen Anne Farmers Market:

Thurs 3-7:30 pm, June 1-Oct 12

South Lake Union Saturday Market:

Sat 10 am-5 pm

University District Farmers Market:

Sat 9 am-2 pm

Wallingford Farmers Market:

Wed, May 17-Sept 27

West Seattle Farmers Market:

Sun 10 am-2 pm

FILM

Collide-O-Scope:

Re-bar, Second and fourth Mon 6:30-11 pm, \$9

Film Fridays:

University Heights Center, Third Fri 3:30-5:30 pm, free

Venues with unique, cheap screenings: *Grand Illusion* (\$9), *Central Cinema* (\$8), *Scarecrow Video* (free)

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Happy Hour Food

Walk: Chinatown-International District, Third Thurs 4-7 pm, free

Seattle's "Best Damn Happy Hour":

Seattle Center Armory, Third Thurs 5-8 pm, no cover

FREE MUSEUMS

Burke Museum:

First Thurs, 10 am-8 pm

Bellevue Arts Museum:

First Fri, 11 am-8 pm

Henry Art Gallery:

Sun, 11 am-4 pm, First Thurs, 11 am-9 pm

Living Computers Museum + Labs:

First Thurs, 5-8 pm

Museum of Flight:

First Thurs, 5-9 pm

Museum of History & Industry:

First Thurs, 10am-8 pm (\$12 for special exhibit)

Nordic Heritage Museum:

First Thurs, 10 am-4 pm

Northwest African American Museum:

First Thurs, 11 am-7 pm

Seattle Art Museum:

First Thurs, (half price special exhibits), 10 am-9 pm

Wing Luke Museum:

First Thurs, 10 am-8 pm

MUSIC

DJ & DANCE

Absolut Fridays:

Neighbours, Fri 9 pm-4 am, \$5

Ballroom Dance Sessions & Lessons:

Century Ballroom, various dates, \$8-\$9

Beer Pong Thursdays:

Trinity, Thurs 9 pm-midnight, free

Bloodlust:

Pony, Last Wed 9 pm, free

Candi Pop:

Chop Suey, First Fri 9 pm-2 am, \$5

Ceremony:

Re-bar, Third Sat 10 pm-2 am, \$5

Country Dancing Night:

Conor Byrne, Tues 9 pm, free

Dance Yourself Clean:

Chop Suey, Sat 9 pm, Free/\$5

Deeper Roots:

Substation, Second Fri 10 pm-2:30 am, \$10

Depth:

Contour, Wed 9 pm, free

Detention: Lava Lounge, Second Sat 9 pm-2 am, free

DJ Saturdays:

Ballard Loft, Fri-Sat 10 pm, free

Drop:

Monkey Loft, Second Sat 10 pm, \$10/Free before 10:30pm

Drum & Bass Tuesdays:

Baltic Room, Tues 10 pm, free

Emerald City Soul Club:

Lo-Fi, Second Sat 9 pm, \$10

Europa Night with Misha Grin:

Contour, First Sat 10 pm, \$10

Flammable:

Re-bar, Sun 10 pm-3 am, \$10

Foolish Fridays:

Timbre Room, Fri 10 pm-2:30 am, \$5/\$10

Fraktured:

Kremwerk, Sun 9 pm-2 am, free

Fruit:

Pony, First Mon 9 pm, free

Gasp:

Mercury, First Fri 9 pm, \$5

Hey Now! All Your Guilty Pleasures & One-Hit Wonders:

Barboza, Sat 10:30 pm, free

Jaded:

Contour, Thurs 9 pm, free

Jam Jam:

Baltic Room, Mon 9 pm, \$10

The Jam:

Vermillion, Second Fri 9 pm-2 am, free

Kulture Fridays: #Afro Caribbean Nights:

STAGE Seattle, First Fri 10 pm-2 am, free

Le Verlan with DJ Paces Lift:

Bastille Cafe Bar, Wed 8-11 pm, free

Level Up 18+:

Neighbours, Wed 9 pm, \$10

Loving Touch:

Lo-Fi, First & Third Wed 9 pm-2 am, free

Massive Fridays:

Trinity, Fri 9 pm, free/\$10

Maximum Rock & Roll:

Revolver Bar, Fourth Wed 9 pm-2 am, free

Maxwell Edison:

The Carlile Room, Every other Fri 10 pm, free

Meat:

Pony, Third Sat 9 pm, free

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Pony, Fourth Thurs 9 pm, free

Metal Brunch:

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◀ Monday Night

Square Dance: Tractor Tavern, Fourth & Second Mon 8 pm, \$7

Motown on Mondays: Bar Sue, Mon 10 pm, free

NRG Saturdays: Aston Manor, Sat 10 pm-2 am, free

Pad Pushers: Vermillion, Third Sat 9 pm, free

Powermix: Neighbours, Sat 8 pm-4 am, \$5

Real Love '90s: Havana, Tues 9 pm, \$5/Free before 10 pm

Reload Saturdays: Trinity, Sat 9 pm, free

Rendezvous Fridays: Ballroom, Fri 10 pm, free

Rent Control: Pony, Second Fri 9 pm-2 am, free

Resurrection Sundays: Baltic Room, Sun 9 pm-2 am, \$5

Saturday Lounge: Amandine Bakeshop, Sat 2-4 pm, free

Session Fridays: Vermillion, Fri 10 pm-2 am, free

Sinful Saturdays: Ballroom, Sat 9 pm, free

SNAP! 90s Dance Party: Lo-Fi, Third Sat 9 pm, \$10

Sophisticated Mama: Havana, Thurs 9 pm, free

Soul-Fi: Re-bar, Third Fri 10 pm, \$0-\$10

Special Blends: Grim's, Thurs 8 pm-2 am, free

Still Ill vs Rollin Old School DJs: Lo-Fi, First Sat 9 pm, \$7

Stop Biting: Lo-Fi, Last Tues 9 pm, \$5

Stripes: Therapy Lounge, Fourth Sat 10 pm-2 am, \$5

SUBstance Wednesdays: Foundation, Wed 10 pm, \$0-10

Tango Happy Hour: Amber, Tues 6-9 pm, free

Throwback Thursdays: Ballroom, Thurs 9 pm, free

Top A Top: Contour, Sun 9 pm, free

Transcendence: R Place, Fri 9:30 pm, free

Trickbag Record Party: The Carlile Room, Every other Fri 10 pm, free

Turntable Sundae: Liquid Dreams: The

Upstairs, Second Sun 7 pm-midnight, free

Vinyl Church: Crocodile, First Thurs 9 pm-1 am, \$2

World Beat Sundays: Timbre Room, First & Third Sun 4-9 pm, \$5

JAZZ & CLASSICAL

Bar Tabac: Vito's Restaurant & Lounge, First Wed 9 pm, free

Bob Hammer: Vito's Restaurant & Lounge, Sun 6 pm, free

Brad Gibson Presents: Vito's Restaurant & Lounge, Third Wed 9 pm, free

Brian Nova Jazz Jam: Triple Door, Sun 7 pm, free

Classical Music Night: Cafe Racer, Fourth Tues 7:30 pm, free

Compline Choir: St. Mark's Cathedral, Sun 9:30 pm, free

Emerald City Jazz Orchestra: Tula's, Second Tues 7:30 pm, \$10

Jazz at Barca: Barca, Thurs 9 pm-midnight, free

Jazz at the Beaver: The Angry Beaver, Sun 9 pm, free

Jazz Brunch: SeaMonster, Sat noon, free

Jeff Ferguson's Triangular Jazztet: Mollusk, Wed 7-10 pm, free

Jennifer Kienzle: Vito's Restaurant & Lounge, Second Thurs 9 pm, free

Jerry Zimmerman: Vito's Restaurant & Lounge, Second & Fourth Sat 6-9 pm, free

Jim Cutler Jazz Orchestra: Tula's, Sun 7:30 pm, \$10

Kareem Kandi: Vito's Restaurant & Lounge, Second Sat 9:30 pm, free

pH Factor Big Band: Tula's, Third Mon 7:30 pm, \$10

Phil Sparks Trio: Latona Pub, Fri 5 pm, free

The Salute Sessions: The Royal Room, Mon 10 pm, free

Sunday Night Jazz Flights: Capitol Cider,

Sun 6 pm, free

The Ron Weinstein Trio: Vito's Restaurant & Lounge, Sun 9:30 pm, free

KARAOKE

Bar Sue, Sun 9 pm, free
Baranof, daily 9 pm, free

Bush Garden, daily 9:30 pm, free

Changes Tavern, Wed & Sun 9 pm-1 am, free

Chop Suey, Mon 9 pm, free

Columbia City Theater, Wed 8 pm, free

Contour, Mon 7 pm-2 am, free

Crescent Lounge, daily, free

Finn MacCool's, Thurs 10 pm, free

Fuel, Wed 9:30 pm, free

Goofy's Sports Bar, Fri 9 pm, free

The Hideout, First Sun 9 pm-1:30 am, free

Hula Hula, Wed 4 pm, free

Kate's Pub, Wed 9:30 pm, free

Little Red Hen, Mon-Wed 9 pm, free

Mickey's Sports Bar, Sat 9 pm, free

Narwhal, Mon 9 pm-1 am, free

Ohana, Sun-Tues 10 pm, free

The Ould Triangle, Fri 9 pm, free

Ozzie's, daily, 9 pm-1 am, free

Plaza Garibaldi, Fri-Sat 9 pm, free

Pony, Tues 9 pm, free

Purr Cocktail Lounge, Mon-Tues 9 pm-1 am, free

R Place: Sun-Tues 9 pm, free

Skylark Cafe & Club, Tues 9 pm-1:30 am, free

Speckled & Drake, Wed 9 pm, free

Tarasco, Wed, Fri-Sat 9 pm, free

Talarico's Pizzeria & Lounge, Fri-Mon 10 pm-1 am, free

Waterwheel Lounge, Tues, Thurs-Sat 9 pm, free

LIVE

700 Saturdays: SeaMonster, Sat 10 pm, \$10

Aqua Soul: SeaMonster, Thurs 9:30 pm, free for ladies/\$5

Bluegrass Jam: Conor Byrne, Mon 8:30 pm, free

Bucket of Honey: SeaMonster, Last Sun 8 pm, free

Café Racer Song Circle: Cafe Racer, Tues 9 pm-1 am, free

Capitol Cider Unplugged: Capitol Cider, Wed 8 pm, free

Cephalopod: SeaMonster, Second Sun 9 pm, free

Chantey Sing: Lake Union Park, Second Fri 8-10 pm, free

Chris Eger Band: Highway 99, First Thurs 8 pm, \$7

The Fabulous Roof Shakers: Highway 99, Third Wed 8 pm, \$7

First Thursday Songwriter Showcase: The Angry Beaver, First Thurs 9:30 pm, free

Funky 2 Death: SeaMonster, Fri 10 pm, \$10

High Cloud Cover: Highway 99, Fourth Wed 8 pm, \$7

Hot Rod: SeaMonster, Third Tues 8 pm, \$5

Irish Sessions: Fado Irish Pub, Sun 4-7 pm, free

Joe Doria Presents: SeaMonster, Tues 10 pm, free

Live at the Shed: Watershed Pub & Kitchen, Second Sat 12 and 9 pm, Free at Brunch/\$5 at Dinner

Live Music: Kells, nightly, free

Marmalade: High Dive, Thurs 8 pm, \$6

Michael Owcharuk: SeaMonster, Fourth Tues 8 pm, free

Monday Night Jam — "Cider Sessions": Capitol Cider, Mon 9:30 pm-1 am, free

Nick Drummond: SeaMonster, Third Sun 9 pm, free

Open Space: Fremont

Abbey, Second Sun 8-9 pm, free

Racer Sessions: Cafe Racer, Sun 7:30-11 pm, free

Rippin' Chicken: SeaMonster, First Wed 9:30 pm, \$5

Sing It Live: SeaMonster, Last Sun 10 pm, free

Stop Biting: Lo-Fi Performance Gallery, Last Tues, 9 pm, \$5

The Suffering Fuckheads: The Royal Room, Tues 10 pm, free

SUP: SeaMonster, First Tues 8 pm, free/\$5 after 9 pm

The Tarantellas: Vito's Restaurant & Lounge, First & Third Sat 6-9 pm, free

Tuesday Night Music Club: Columbia City Theater, Tues 7:30 pm, free

Two Buck Chuck: Paragon, Wed 8 pm, free

Unsinkables: SeaMonster, Third Wed 9:30 pm, \$5

Vocal Showcase and Jam: Egan's Jam House, Second & Fourth Wed 7 pm, \$10

Westsound Deep Funk Club: SeaMonster, Last Wed 9:30 pm, \$5

Wildstyle: Vermillion, Third Fri 10 pm, free

OPEN MIC

Conor Byrne, Sun 7:30 pm

Fremont Abbey, Third Tues 7 pm, free

Little Red Hen, Sun 4 pm, free

Fix Coffeehouse, Wed, 7 pm, free

Green Bean Coffeehouse, Second & Fourth Thurs 7-9 pm

Grumpy D's, Wed 6:30-9 pm

Hopvine Pub, Wed 8 pm, free

kakao, Fourth Sun 6:30-8:30 pm

Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, First Fri 7 pm, donation

Molly Maguires, Mon 10 pm-1:30 am

The Ould Triangle, Tues 8 pm, free

Paragon, Tues 8 pm, free

Serendipity, First Wed 7-10 pm

Skylark Cafe & Club, Wed 7:30 pm, free

Stone Way Cafe, Thurs 7-11 pm, free

Tim's Tavern, Mon 8:30 pm

Wedgwood Ale House, Fourth, Second Mon 7:45 pm

QUEER

Beefcake: Pony, First Fri 9 pm, free

Cuff Country Wednesdays with Line Dancing: Cuff, Third Wed 7-10 pm, free

Different Drummer: Pony, Second Sat 9 pm, free

DJ Night: Cuff, Sat 10 pm-3 am, free

Dusted with Syra St. James: Kremwerk, First Fri 7-10 pm, \$8

Ecklund Presents: Backlash!: Pony, First Thurs 9 pm, \$5

Fetish Night: C. C. Attle's, First Sat 8 pm-2 am, free

Homo Hop: R Place, Sun 10 pm, free

KINGS: A Drag King Show: Kremwerk, Last Sat 7-10 pm, \$7-\$12

Kiss Off: Kremwerk, Last Sat 10 pm-2 am, \$5/\$7

Luv' Ladder: Pony, Fourth Sat 9 pm, free

Make Out Party!: The Eagle, Second Fri 9 pm-3 am, free

MENERGY: The Eagle, Third Wed 9 pm-2 am, free

Night Crush: Re-bar, First Sat 10:30 pm-3 am, \$0-\$20

Noche Latino: Neighbours, Sun 10 pm-2 am, \$5

Omni Danse!: Pony, Second Thurs 9 pm-2 am, free

Rapture: Timbre Room, Second Sat 10 pm-2 am, \$10

Rock and Roll Queer Bar: Pony, Third Mon 9 pm, free

SIN: Kremwerk, First Sat 10 pm-2 am, \$5 ▶



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Place, Thurs 9 pm, free

Turnt Up Tuesdays: R
Place, Tues 10 pm, free

**The World's Tiniest Tea
Dance:** Pony, Sun 4-9
pm, free

WTF Wednesdays: R
Place, Wed 10 pm, free

PERFORMANCE

**Kitchen Sink: A Divine
Variety Show:** Krem-
werk, Third Sat 7-10 pm,
\$10/\$15

Nights at the Neptune:
Neptune Theatre, Thurs,
July 6-Aug 10, free

Rotating Shows: Pocket
Theater, weekly, \$10

The Round: Fremont
Abbey, Second Tues 8
pm, \$10

SH*T GOLD: Founders
Theater, First, Third Mon
10 pm, free

**Sistas Rock The Arts
Open Mic:** Rumba Notes
Lounge, Third Thurs 9
pm-2 am, \$5 suggested
donation

Spin the Bottle: Annex
Theatre, First Fri 11 pm,
\$10

READINGS

Literary Happy Hour:
Capitol Cider, Last Tues
5-7 pm, free

Loud Mouth Lit: St.
Andrews Bar and Grill,
Last Tues 8 pm, free

**New Century Theatre
Company Reading:**
Solo, Third Mon 7:30 pm,
donation

Open Mic: Couth
Buzzard Books Espresso
Buono Cafe, Wed 7:30
pm, free

Rain City Slam: Jai Thai
Broadway, Wed 8 pm, \$3

Seattle Poetry Slam:
Re-bar, Tues 8 pm, \$5

Seattle StorySLAM:
Various locations, First
Thurs 8 pm, Third Fri 8

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Two Hour Transport:
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